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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING,
7 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU HERE AT THE
8 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APRIL
9 30, 2013. TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE SERGEANT AT ARMS IS
10 CARLOS GERARD AND OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SACHI HAMAI, OUR
11 COUNTY COUNSEL, MR. JOHN KRATTLI, AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
12 IS WILLIAM T FUJIOKA. WE HAVE A QUORUM. THIS MORNING WE WILL
13 BE LED IN THE INVOCATION BY DR. PHIL HILLIARD, SENIOR PASTOR,
14 BETHANY CHURCH OF ALHAMBRA AT THE INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR
15 ANTONOVICH. PLEDGE VETERAN WILL BE LEONARD BURKHOLDER, FIRST
16 LIEUTENANT, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND WORLD WAR II VETERAN
17 INVITED BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE. WOULD YOU PLEASE RISE FOR THE
18 MORNING INVOCATION?

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20 **DR. PHIL HILLIARD:** OUR ETERNAL FATHER, WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR NEED
21 OF A POWER GREATER THAN OUR OWN STRENGTH AND A WISDOM THAT
22 EXCEEDS OUR EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION AND A STRENGTH OF
23 CHARACTER THAT WILL STAND THE PRESSURES THAT SOMETIMES PUSH
24 AGAINST OUR WILL TO DO GOOD FOR OUR FELLOW MAN. INDEED WE ARE
25 BLESSED TO LIVE IN A COUNTRY THAT ENJOYS A QUALITY OF LIFE



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1 THAT IS THE ENVY OF MUCH OF THE WORLD AND FOR OUR NATION. FOR
2 THIS WE ARE THANKFUL. THIS MORNING, WE LIFT TO YOU EACH MEMBER
3 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THEIR FAMILIES
4 AND STAFFS, ASKING FOR YOUR CARE, YOUR PROTECTION AND
5 BLESSING. WE ASK THAT YOU WILL BLESS AND INTERVENE IN WHATEVER
6 PERSONAL NEEDS THAT EACH OF THEM MAY BE EXPERIENCING. THANK
7 YOU FOR THESE DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANTS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE
8 BENEFITS THAT WE ALL RECEIVE FROM THEIR COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP.
9 BLESS THEM FOR THE PERSONAL SACRIFICES THAT THEY MAKE IN ORDER
10 TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. GRANT TO EACH OF
11 THEM THE HEALTH, THE STRENGTH AND THE STAMINA REQUIRED TO FACE
12 THE DEMANDS OF LEADERSHIP. TODAY, AS ANY DAY, THEY WILL BE
13 ASKED TO MAKE DECISIONS. SOME MAY BE ROUTINE AND UNCOMPLICATED
14 WHILE OTHERS MAY BE EXCEPTIONALLY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT. WE
15 LIVE IN A TIME WHEN OUR LEADERS ARE FACED WITH THE POSSIBILITY
16 OF WILLFUL HARM TO OUR CITIZENS, AND THESE MEN AND WOMEN BEAR
17 THE BURDEN OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY. WE ASK THAT YOU GIVE THEM
18 DIVINE WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING FOR THOSE DECISIONS AND
19 CHALLENGES THAT SEEM TO DEFY SATISFACTORY ANSWERS. MAY THEY
20 ALWAYS BE CONSCIOUS OF THE REALITY OF THE STRUGGLES OF
21 ORDINARY CITIZENS. ENABLE THEM TO DEMONSTRATE COMPASSION,
22 FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE IN THEIR DECISIONS AND VOTES. GIVE THEM
23 THE FORESIGHT, VISION AND WISDOM THAT WILL HELP MOVE LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY FORWARD TO BECOMING AN INCREASINGLY HEALTHY,



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1 SAFE AND DESIRABLE PLACE TO LIVE. WE ASK THESE BLESSINGS FOR
2 THE GOOD OF ALL THE PEOPLE, AMEN.

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4 **LT. LEONARD BURKHOLDER:** [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE OUGHT TO GIVE A BIG
7 ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO FIRST LIEUTENANT BURKHOLDER. [APPLAUSE.]
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
11 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WE HAD THE HONOR, MR. LEONARD BURKHOLDER
12 LED US FROM THE CITY OF DOWNEY, LED US AND A WORLD WAR II
13 VETERAN. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FROM 1942 TO
14 1945 AS A FIRST LIEUTENANT OF THE 714TH FIRST BOMB SQUADRON. A
15 SPECIAL DAY FOR LEONARD TODAY AS I'VE BEEN TOLD TODAY IS HIS
16 93RD BIRTHDAY. [APPLAUSE.] BIG SHOUT OUT. THANK YOU. HAPPY
17 BIRTHDAY. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT TO
18 YOU THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR COMING DOWN AND
19 CELEBRATING YOUR BIRTHDAY WITH US BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR
20 YOUR SERVICE TO AMERICA. GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE.
23 ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE BIRTHDAY FELLOW, FIRST
24 LIEUTENANT LEONARD BURKHOLDER, WORLD WAR II VETERAN. HE
25 DESERVES ANOTHER ROUND AFTER APPLAUSE, DON'T YOU THINK?



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1 (APPLAUSE). SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE. FOR THE MORNING
2 INVOCATOR.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME
5 PASTOR DR. PHIL HILLIARD TO OUR BOARD TODAY. APPROXIMATELY
6 SIX, SEVEN YEARS AGO HE ALSO LED US IN PRAYER. HE'S THE SENIOR
7 PASTOR OF BETHANY CHURCH IN ALHAMBRA FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. AS
8 AN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, HE ALSO SERVES AS PASTOR IN IDAHO, TEXAS
9 AND CALIFORNIA. ON THE VERY IMPORTANT COMMITTEE, ESPECIALLY
10 WITH THE RECENT POPE FRANCIS BECOMING THE POPE OF THE CATHOLIC
11 CHURCH, HE'S A MEMBER OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC EVANGELICAL
12 DIALOGUE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND PREVIOUSLY SERVED WITH THE
13 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. THIS IS WHERE THE
14 PROTESTANTS AND THE CATHOLICS, WORKING TOGETHER, TO CARRY OUT
15 THE GREAT COMMISSION. HE ALSO SERVES AS A CHAPLAIN WITH THE
16 ALHAMBRA POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE'S A GRADUATE OF _____
17 UNIVERSITY AND HOLD MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL DEGREES IN THEOLOGY.
18 HE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT FROM PASTORAL MINISTRY
19 AFTER 48 CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS A SENIOR PASTOR, AND AS I SAID
20 FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS IN OUR CITY OF ALHAMBRA. SO I APPRECIATE
21 YOU COMING DOWN. AND WE HAVE ALSO A SPECIAL PROCLAMATION ON
22 YOUR 20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH THE ALHAMBRA PENTECOSTAL
23 CHURCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
2 ANTONOVICH. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD PROCEED WITH
3 THE AGENDA FOR TODAY.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL
10 BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE THREE, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF
11 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ITEM NUMBER 1-H. ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S
12 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON PAGE
13 FOUR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12, ON ITEM NUMBER
14 1, ALTHOUGH THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA INDICATES THAT SUPERVISOR
15 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF CLEM BARTOLAI TO
16 THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE,
17 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE IT FOR TWO WEEKS
18 TO MAY 14, 2013. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
19 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE.
21 ON ITEM NUMBER 3, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAINS FROM THE
22 VOTE. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND MEMBERS OF
23 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS
24 UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IF ITEMS BEFORE US
2 WITH THE ABSTENTIONS HAVING BEEN NOTED. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
3 MOVES AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD THE
4 APPROPRIATE VOTE.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND ON ITEM NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ARE ABSTAINING. IF I
8 COULD GET A VOTE ON THAT?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AGAIN, SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES.
11 SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD THE APPROPRIATE VOTE
12 IN LIGHT OF THE ABSTENTIONS.

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14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE NINE, CONSENT
15 CALENDAR, ITEMS 13 THROUGH 73. ON ITEM NUMBER 13, THERE'S A
16 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
17 NUMBER 14, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
18 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 23, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 28,
20 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
21 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 29, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
22 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
23 NUMBER 34, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO
24 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 35, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
25 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 37, AS



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1 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY
3 14, 2013. 37. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
4 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 39, THERE'S A
5 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
6 NUMBER 47, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM. AND ALSO
7 ON THIS ITEM, AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
8 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ITEM WAS THAT?

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMIA:** ITEM NUMBER 47. ON ITEM NUMBER 49, THERE'S
13 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON
14 ITEM NUMBER 58, THE FIRE CHIEF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
15 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 14, 2013. ON ITEM NUMBER 60,
16 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
17 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 62, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS
18 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 63, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS
19 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT
20 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEMS AS
23 INDICATED ARE BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR
24 YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD
25 A UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 34, ORDINANCE
3 FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM NUMBER 74, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT
4 TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION
5 AMENDING TITLE 5, PERSONNEL, AND TITLE 6, SALARIES, RELATING
6 TO UPDATING THE COUNTY SECURITY PROGRAM PROVISIONS AND MAKING
7 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AS NEEDED AND ADDING IN ESTABLISHING A
8 SALARY STRUCTURE, SALARY TABLE AND CLASSIFICATION FOR ONE NON-
9 MANAGEMENT RELIEF PHYSICIAN CLASSIFICATION. THIS ITEM IS
10 BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
13 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY DOES SECOND. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE
15 RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 35, DISCUSSION ITEMS,
18 ITEMS 75 AND 76. ON ITEM 75 WE WILL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION.
19 ITEM NUMBER 76 WE WILL HOLD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE
20 37, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED
21 MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING TO POSTING OF THE
22 AN AGENDA ITEM 77-A IS BEFORE YOU.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES.
25 SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NUMBER 77-B, THAT ITEM IS
3 BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
6 YAROSLAVSKY MOVES AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. PLEASE
7 RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I APOLOGIZE. THERE WAS A LAST-
10 MINUTE SIGNUP FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO WE WILL RESCIND
13 THAT ACTION AND REFER IT AFTER THE PERSON FROM THE PUBLIC HAS
14 HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

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16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ITEM NUMBER 77-C IS
17 BEFORE YOU.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHTY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA
20 MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A
21 UNANIMOUS VOTE ON 77-C.

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23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NUMBER 77-D, THERE'S A
24 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE
25 40, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM NUMBER CS-1, THERE'S A



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1 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND
2 ALSO ON ITEM NUMBER CS-6, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
3 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING
4 OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
5 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 3.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
8 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE HAVE SEVERAL PRESENTATIONS THIS
9 MORNING. WE BEGIN THIS MORNING WITH L.A. COUNTY STARS, WHICH
10 REPRESENTS SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL
11 EFFECTIVENESS. AND WE WISH TO CALL FORTH THE HONOREES FROM THE
12 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TEAM; THAT IS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S
13 OFFICE, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, OFFICE OF
14 COUNTY COUNSEL, AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS. IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THESE INDIVIDUALS.
16 THEY ARE STARS. THEY ARE L.A. COUNTY STARS. ONE IN THE
17 CATEGORY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL
18 EFFECTIVENESS. AND WE WELCOME THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TEAM.
19 THEY HAVE DONE EXTRAORDINARILY WELL ON BEHALF OF THIS COUNTY
20 AND THE PEOPLE HEREIN. THESE DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE ALREADY
21 IDENTIFIED HAVE MADE US PROUD. YOU MAY RECALL THAT ASSEMBLY
22 BILL ABX126 WAS UPHELD BY THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT ON
23 DECEMBER 29, 2011 AND REQUIRED THE DISSOLUTION OF THE
24 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES ACROSS THE STATE. AND THAT HAD TO
25 HAPPEN BY FEBRUARY 1ST OF 2012 WITH MORE THAN 1.3 BILLION



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1 DOLLARS IN PROPERTY TAXES DISTRIBUTED ANNUALLY TO THE
2 COUNTIES' REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES. THIS LEGISLATION HAD A
3 PROFOUND EFFECT ON PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION AND GOVERNMENT
4 FINANCES. THE PASSAGE OF THIS LEGISLATION REQUIRED THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE
6 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES FOR ENFORCEABLE OBLIGATIONS AND
7 REDIRECT THE BALANCE TO LOCAL SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
8 TO IMPROVE SERVICES TO L.A. COUNTY CONSTITUENTS. AND SO THE
9 COUNTY'S REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TEAM WAS FORMED AND MOVED
10 QUICKLY TO BECOME LEADING EXPERTS IN THIS STATE REGARDING THIS
11 RATHER GROUNDBREAKING, THAT IS TO SAY, EXTRAORDINARY
12 LEGISLATION. TO DATE, THIS TEAM HAS SUCCESSFULLY MET ALL
13 STATUTORY DEADLINES AND REDIRECTED OVER 742 MILLION DOLLARS
14 FROM 71 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES TO SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENT
15 ENTITIES. A PORTION OF THESE MONIES HAS ALSO HELPED TO FUND
16 LOCAL HOUSING PROJECTS AND CRITICAL SERVICES TO OUR
17 CONSTITUENTS. AND SO WE WISH TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS
18 TEAM FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK. GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF
19 APPLAUSE AS THEY HAVE MADE GOOD ONCE AGAIN. THEY ARE L.A.
20 COUNTY STARS. [APPLAUSE.] AND SPEAKING ON THEIR BEHALF WILL BE
21 OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, WHO'S DONE AN EXCEPTIONAL JOB IN
22 LEADING THE EFFORT, WENDY WATANABE.

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24 **WENDY WATANABE:** THANK YOU. CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
25 HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS AWARD. YES, IT DID



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1 TAKE A VILLAGE, AS YOU SEE, TO COLLABORATE ON A PROJECT OF
2 THIS MAGNITUDE. AS SUPERVISOR MENTIONED, THERE WERE FOUR
3 DEPARTMENTS COLLABORATED AND WORKED ON THIS PROJECT. AND AS
4 THE STAFF FROM THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND COUNTY COUNSEL, THIS TEAM DID MOVE
6 VERY QUICKLY AND BECAME THE LEADING EXPERT. NOW, MANY OF THEM
7 WORKED TIRELESSLY ON WEEKENDS AND LATE HOURS FOR THE LAST 12
8 MONTHS. AND WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR EFFORT. AND SOME OF THE
9 ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAVE ALREADY
10 MENTIONED, SO I WON'T REPEAT THAT. BUT, AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY
11 MUCH FOR YOUR RECOGNITION. ON BEHALF OF THE PROJECT TEAM. AND
12 THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO SUPPORTED OUR EFFORT
13 THROUGH YOUR APPOINTMENT OF NEARLY 200 OVERSIGHT BOARD MEMBERS
14 WHO WILL CONTINUE TO OVERSEE THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE
15 FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** L.A. COUNTY STARS, LADIES AND
20 GENTLEMEN. [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE A LOT OF STARS. WELL TODAY
21 WE'RE DELIGHTED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
22 PROCLAIM MAY OF THIS YEAR CALFRESH AWARENESS MONTH. AND WE
23 INVITE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL
24 SERVICES, SHERYL SPILLER, TO THE DAIS TO MAKE COMMENTS ON
25 BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT SALUTING CALFRESH AWARENESS MONTH.



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1 ONE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
2 SOCIAL SERVICES IS TO REDUCE FOOD INSECURITY IN L.A. COUNTY,
3 THE NATION'S LARGEST AND MOST POPULATED COUNTY BY
4 PARTICIPATING IN THE CALFRESH PROGRAM. THAT IS, THE FEDERALLY
5 FUNDED SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION FOOD BENEFIT PROGRAM. AND EVEN
6 THOUGH A RECORD HIGH OF LITERALLY 1.1 MILLION INDIVIDUALS
7 CURRENTLY RECEIVE BENEFITS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE
8 KNOW THAT THERE ARE SO MANY OTHERS IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE FOOD
9 ASSISTANCE WHO ARE UNAWARE THAT THEY MAY QUALIFY FOR CALFRESH.
10 SO THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN WILL PLACE A HEAVY FOCUS ON
11 NUTRITIONAL BENEFITS THAT CALFRESH AFFORDS, ENLISTING THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THAT IS THE NETWORK FOR HEALTHY
13 CALIFORNIA, LOCAL FARMERS, MARKETS, FOOD BANKS AND SCHOOL
14 DISTRICTS. AND WE HAD A WONDERFUL EVENT YESTERDAY IN THE CITY
15 OF LYNWOOD LAUNCHING THIS EFFORT WITH ALL OF THESE PUBLIC AND
16 PRIVATE PARTNERS PARTICIPATING AND REACHING THIS GOAL.
17 FULFILLING ITS MISSION TO SERVE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, THIS
18 DEPARTMENT, D.P.S.S., CONTINUES TO COLLABORATE WITH THE
19 VARIOUS FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS TO PROVIDE
20 INFORMATION ABOUT CALFRESH AND REMOVE THE BARRIERS THAT
21 DISCOURAGE THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FROM APPLYING. SO IT'S ON
22 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR
23 SUPPORT FOR WHAT D.P.S.S. AND ITS PARTNERS ARE DOING BY AGAIN
24 PROCLAIMING MAY 2013 AS CALFRESH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE COUNTY



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1 OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE'D LIKE FOR YOU NOW TO HEAR FROM THE
2 DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, MS. SHERYL SPILLER. SHERYL? [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SHERYL SPILLER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND THE
5 ENTIRE BOARD FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S
6 EFFORTS IN ALLOWING US TO JUMP START OUR MAY 2013 CALFRESH
7 AWARENESS ACTIVITIES. WHILE THE LOCAL ECONOMY CONTINUES TO
8 IMPROVE, WE KNOW THERE ARE STILL MANY RESIDENTS THAT ARE IN
9 NEED OF FOOD ASSISTANCE. THIS PARTNERSHIP REPRESENTS AN
10 INTENSE EFFORT TO ADDRESS HUNGER AND PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES THAT
11 IT REPRESENTS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND RECOGNIZE OUR
12 COMMUNITY PARTNERS HERE WITH US TODAY, MANY OF WHOM HAVE
13 PARTICIPATED WITH US, WITH CALFRESH MONTH, FROM THE INCEPTION.
14 AND I'D LIKE TO ASK THOSE MEMBERS TO STAND UP, PLEASE.
15 [APPLAUSE.] ALONG WITH -- THANK YOU. ALONG WITH MY D.P.S.S.
16 STAFF, MY OUTREACH STAFF, PLEASE STAND UP, WHO ARE OUT IN THE
17 COMMUNITY FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS OVER THE WEEKENDS TO
18 ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PROGRAM. WE WILL
19 ALSO BE HOSTING A PUBLIC FORUM IN THE COMMUNITY TO CLARIFY
20 CONCERNS WHICH DISCOURAGE LEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM APPLYING FOR
21 CALFRESH. CALFRESH BRINGS ABOUT 2 BILLION DOLLARS TO OUR
22 ECONOMY. AND AS THE SUPERVISOR SAID, THERE'S 1.1 BILLION
23 RESIDENTS NOW THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM, BUT IT'S
24 ESTIMATED THAT'S ONLY HALF OF THE PEOPLE THAT ACTUALLY
25 QUALIFY. SO YOU CAN SEE THAT WITH ALL THE PEOPLE WHO TOOK



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1 ADVANTAGE OF THIS, THERE WOULD BE MORE LIKE FOUR BILLION
2 DOLLARS THAT WOULD BE BROUGHT TO OUR COMMUNITY, WHICH MEANS
3 JOBS. SO IT'S REALLY A WIN-WIN FOR EVERYONE. WHAT I'D LIKE FOR
4 ALL OF YOU TO DO IS TO HELP AND JOIN WITH US. WE HAVE SOME OF
5 OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE ALREADY WORKING WITH US, THE
6 LIBRARIES, PARKS, PUBLIC HEALTH HAS DONE A GREAT JOB TO HELP
7 PEOPLE ONCE THEY GET THE BENEFITS TO MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES. BUT
8 WE HAVE WHAT WE'RE CALLING A PASS-IT-ON CARD. AND WHAT THIS IS
9 IS THAT YOU MAY NOT BE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE, BUT WE ALL KNOW
10 SOMEONE WHO IS. WE DON'T THINK ABOUT IT, BUT IT'S YOUR
11 HAIRDRESSER, THE TEACHER'S AID, YOUR GARDENER, SOMEBODY WHO
12 ACTUALLY NEEDS HELP WITH THIS. SO IF YOU DON'T NEED IT, TAKE
13 THE CARD AND JUST PASS IT ON SO THAT WE CAN GET THE WORD OUT
14 ABOUT THIS PROGRAM AND AVAILABILITY. OUR GOAL -- AND WE HOPE
15 YOU'LL JOIN WITH US IN THIS -- IS TO ENSURE THAT IN THIS GREAT
16 COUNTY OF OURS, THAT NO CHILD GOES TO BED HUNGRY. THANK YOU.
17 [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE
20 CALFRESH AWARENESS MONTH, WE CALL FORTH THE 2013 COUNTYWIDE
21 FITNESS CHALLENGE. AND WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE
22 THREE HONOREES WHO ARE DESERVING OF OUR ATTENTION AND A BIG
23 SHOUT OUT TODAY. THEY ARE LISA GARRETT, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL,
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, RUSS GUINEY, DIRECTOR OF
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, AND GARY JONES, THE



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1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR AT BEACHES AND HARBORS. GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND
2 OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] THE FOURTH ANNUAL
3 COUNTYWIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE IS A YEAR-LONG WELLNESS CAMPAIGN
4 DESIGNED TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPLOYEE WELLNESS.
5 IMPROVE OVERALL EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF
6 ILLNESSES BY ADVOCATING HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AND CHOICES.
7 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REGULARLY SEEKS TO ADVISE ME
8 ACCORDINGLY. THAT WAS IN MY NOTES. EACH OF THE COUNTY-
9 SPONSORED HEALTH PLANS CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY TO
10 ROLL OUT THIS PROGRAM, THIS CAMPAIGN TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES, AND
11 THEIR FAMILIES. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THOUSANDS OF COUNTY
12 EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS
13 DESIGNED TO LEAD TO HEALTHIER LIFESTYLES, AND THAT INCLUDES
14 WEEKEND FITNESS EVENTS FOR EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES, THE
15 BIGGEST LOSER CONTEST, AND ONLINE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS
16 THAT PROMOTE INCREASED FITNESS. AND TO AUTHENTICATE MY EARLIER
17 REMARKS, TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT I DO WEAR A PEDOMETER. AND
18 THE REASON FOR THAT IS TO KEEP SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN CHECK.
19 [LAUGHTER.] THIS YEAR'S FITNESS CHALLENGE FEATURES NINE
20 WEEKEND EVENTS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE OUR EMPLOYEES AND THEIR
21 FAMILIES TO MAKE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES AND GET ACTIVE BY
22 EXERCISING AT LOCAL RECREATION VENUES IN EACH SUPERVISORIAL
23 DISTRICT. THE EVENTS INCLUDE THE FREE BIOMETRIC AND WELLNESS
24 SCREENINGS, FLU VACCINATIONS, BLOOD PRESSURE, CHOLESTEROL,
25 GLUCOSE AND B.M.I. TESTING, EXERCISE SESSIONS, FITNESS WALKS,



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1 VISITS TO FARMERS' MARKETS, FAMILY FUN TRIATHLON, YOGA, AND
2 CHALLENGE HIKES, NUTRITIONAL GUIDANCE AND HEALTHY COOKING
3 DEMONSTRATIONS. AND WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER HEALTHY COOKING
4 DEMONSTRATION THIS SATURDAY -- FRIDAY, RATHER, AT CINCO DE
5 MAYO AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER FOR HEALTH, A HEALTHY
6 COOKING DEMONSTRATION AND A WHOLE LOT OF THINGS GO ALONG WITH
7 THAT. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENDS ALL OF YOU FOR THIS
8 PARTNERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO MAKE THE COUNTYWIDE FITNESS
9 CHALLENGE AVAILABLE TO ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR
10 FAMILIES. AND I JUST WANT TO PRESENT THESE SCROLLS TO THE
11 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS. AND THEN I'M GOING TO ASK ONE OF THEM
12 TO GIVE REMARKS. LISA GARRETT, WON'T YOU COME FORTH FOR A BIG
13 ROUND OF APPLAUSE AS ONE OF OUR -- WHERE ARE YOU, LISA? ALL
14 RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. THEN THERE'S RUSS GUINEY.
15 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. [APPLAUSE.] AND FINALLY
16 GARY JONES, BEACHES AND HARBORS, A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
17 GARY? [APPLAUSE.] SO BREIF REMARKS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 HUMAN RESOURCES, LISA GARRETT, IF YOU WOULD SPEAK ON BEHALF OF
19 THE TEAM, WE'D BE APPRECIATIVE.

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21 **LISA GARRETT:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
22 ALL THE BOARD. WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. IN
23 2009 MANY OF YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW THIS, THE D.H.R. STARTED
24 TAKING A FRESH LOOK AT THE NUMBERS OUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
25 WERE PROVIDING TO US. AND WE FOUND SOME STAGGERING NUMBERS.



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1 FOR EXAMPLE, IN OUR LARGEST HEALTHCARE PROVIDER INDICATED THAT
2 75 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WERE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE.
3 AND I HAVE TO ADMIT, I AM IN THAT NUMBER. BUT JUST WAIT TILL
4 AFTER THIS YEAR'S COUNTYWIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE. ALSO WE FOUND
5 THAT TWO-THIRDS OF THE CHILDREN OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES WERE
6 ALSO OVERWEIGHT AND OBESE. AND WE HAD TO STEP IN FRONT OF
7 THOSE NUMBERS TO TRY TO CREATE SOLUTIONS TO THIS ISSUE. AND
8 THIS IS HOW THE COUNTYWIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE WAS BORN. ALSO,
9 RUSS GUINEY'S STAFF CAME IN AND HELPED US WITH PROVIDING
10 BEAUTIFUL PARKS, HIS EMPLOYEES HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY IN THIS
11 EFFORT. LAST YEAR WE ALSO BROUGHT IN BEACHES AND HARBORS AND
12 WE'RE GOING TO ROLL IN ALL OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL.
13 SO I DO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR
14 COMMITMENT TO WELLNESS OVER THESE YEARS. I WANT TO THANK ALL
15 OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS. AND I'M ENCOURAGING YOU ALL TO COME
16 OUT. I WANT TO THANK OUR C.E.O. FOR HIS ENCOURAGEMENTS OF
17 WELLNESS. AND FOR ALL OF OUR PARTNERS BACK HERE WHO ARE REALLY
18 COMMITTED TO CHANGING THE NUMBERS FOR OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. SO
19 I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. THERE WILL BE POSTERS EVERYWHERE
20 AROUND THE COUNTY ABOUT THE VARIOUS EVENTS. SO IF YOU CAN JUST
21 JOIN ME IN GIVING THESE PEOPLE BEHIND ME A ROUND OF APPLAUSE
22 BECAUSE THEY HAVE DONE SOME GREAT WORK ON BEHALF OF THE
23 COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. [APPLAUSE.]
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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
2 ANTONOVICH, THE FLOOR IS YOURS AND YOU CAN MAKE AS MANY
3 ANNOUNCEMENTS AS YOU WISH ABOUT THE HORSEBACK RIDING
4 EXPEDITION THAT YOU WILL BE ENGAGED IN ON MAY 19TH.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME TEX RIDLEY-THOMAS ON
7 THAT RIDE.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T THINK SO.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAY 19TH, WE WILL HAVE OUR NEXT HORSE RIDE,
12 EQUESTRIAN RIDE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. SO THOSE OF YOU
13 WHO ARE INTERESTED, CONTACT MY OFFICE OR THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 PARKS/RECREATION. AND WE USUALLY HAVE BETWEEN 100 AND 150
15 PEOPLE WHO RIDE WITH US. IT'S ON SUNDAY. YOU CAN DO A
16 SATURDAY/SUNDAY OVERNIGHT OR YOU CAN RIDE SUNDAY MORNING AND
17 IT GOES FROM LIKE 9:00 TO ABOUT 1:00, 1:30, THEN WE HAVE A
18 BARBECUE. BUT TODAY WE ARE GOING TO RECOGNIZE A VERY IMPORTANT
19 DAY IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS "ARMED FORCES
20 DAY", WHICH HAS BEEN CELEBRATED EACH APRIL FOR THE PAST 63
21 YEARS. AND WITH ME IS GENERAL RUTH WONG WHO IS OUR ACTING
22 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
23 AND CARVEL GRAY WHO IS THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE L.A. COUNTY
24 VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION AND FIFTH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.
25 TODAY WE RECOGNIZE THE DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMY,



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1 NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS, COAST GUARD, NATIONAL AND OUR
2 RESERVES WHO SERVE OUR NATION WITH HONOR, COURAGE AND PRIDE,
3 BOTH AT HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD. AS WE HONOR THESE MEN AND
4 WOMEN WHO WEAR THE UNIFORM, WE ALSO GIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION
5 TO THEIR FAMILIES WHO SACRIFICE THROUGH THEIR DEDICATION TO
6 THEIR SPOUSE WHO IS SERVING OUR COUNTRY BY ENDURING THOSE
7 SACRIFICES. OUR SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES
8 DESERVE RECOGNITION, ADMIRATION AND APPRECIATION, BUT IT'S NOT
9 JUST ONE DAY BUT EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR. NEXT MONTH ON MAY
10 25TH, MY OFFICE ONCE AGAIN WILL HOST OUR 16TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO
11 THE VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT ARCADIA PARK. AND FRITZ
12 COLEMAN WILL ONCE AGAIN BE THE EMCEE FOR THAT EVENT. WE HAVE
13 ABOUT 5,000 TO 8,000 WHO ATTEND. IT'S FREE. YOU ARE WELCOME TO
14 COME. IT'S AT ARCADIA PARK. NOW WE'RE GOING TO DECLARE
15 SATURDAY MAY 18TH AS ARMED FORCES DAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
16 AND URGE ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VARIOUS
17 PATRIOTIC EVENTS HONORING THIS DAY AND THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO
18 SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES.

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20 **CARVEL GAY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ON BEHALF OF ALL THE ARMED
21 FORCES AND VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION, I THANK YOU ALL FOR
22 SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION FOR OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN IN
23 UNIFORM WHO DEFEND OUR COUNTRY. IT IS TRULY, TRULY
24 APPRECIATED. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **RUTH WONG:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WANT TO THANK YOU
2 FOR THIS OCCASION TODAY TO PROCLAIM "ARMED FORCES DAY". "ARMED
3 FORCES DAY" WAS ESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN IN
4 1949. IT IS A DAY FOR CITIZENS TO COME TOGETHER AND THANK OUR
5 MILITARY MEMBERS FROM ALL BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR
6 THEIR PATRIOTIC SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF OUR COUNTRY. ON BEHALF
7 OF THE MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN SERVING NOW AND THE VETERANS WHO
8 HAVE SERVED, THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
9 ACCEPTS THIS PROCLAMATION FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK
10 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NEXT WE HAVE A LITTLE BRUSSELS GRIFFON MIX
13 LITTLE GIRL. SHE IS SIX MONTHS OLD AND HER NAME IS BELLA. THIS
14 IS BELLA WITH A YELLOW BOW. BELLA IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. HOW
15 ARE YOU, LITTLE SWEETHEART? YOU CAN CALL IF YOU LIKE AREA CODE
16 562-728-4610. AND BELLA WILL WARM YOUR LITTLE HOME WITH A LOT
17 OF LOVE. AND GLORIA WAS A RECIPIENT A FEW MONTHS AGO AND IT'S
18 GROWN. I DON'T THINK BELLA WILL GROW THOUGHT. SHE'S A LITTLE
19 TINY, A LITTLE SWEETHEART. IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT
20 LITTLE BELLA.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARE WE
23 READY TO PROCEED WITH THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD? SUPERVISOR
24 YAROSLAVSKY? MR. CHAIRMAN, ON ITEM 35, I'D ASK THAT WE



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1 CONTINUE THAT FOR TWO WEEKS. OKAY. AND THEN WE'LL CONTINUE IT
2 FOR TWO WEEKS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHTY. THE THREE
5 INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO BE HEARD AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THEY
6 ARE ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC PREVEN AND GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. RICHARD
7 MOSS AND DENISE NG. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO WAIT FOR MR. SACHS OR BEGIN?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO BEGIN,
12 SIR.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** VERY GOOD. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, IT'S ERIC
15 PREVEN THE COUNTRY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3, ENORMOUS
16 SCHEDULE. I THINK THE REASON WHY IS NEXT WEEK THERE WILL NOT
17 BE A MEETING, IF I HAVE THAT CORRECT, FOR THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS IS GOING TO WASHINGTON WITH SOME PROBATION YOUTH
19 IN ORDER TO LOBBY AND TO DO SOME IMPORTANT BUSINESS. I'VE
20 ASKED WHAT SPECIFICALLY THE MEETING SCHEDULE IS LIKE. AND
21 DAVID SOMERS HOPEFULLY WILL BE FORTHCOMING WITH THAT
22 INFORMATION. SO FAR NOTHING. AND I WENT THROUGH APPROPRIATE
23 CHANNELS. AGAIN WE WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG BECAUSE THESE ARE SOME
24 VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES. ITEM NUMBER 76 IS THE TAX AGENT ITEM
25 THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS PROPOSED STAFFING UP AT THE



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1 EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO MONITOR THESE TAX AGENTS. I WAS NOT ABLE
2 TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE STATE PUSHED THROUGH THIS
3 LEGISLATION BUT SINCE IT IS ON THE SCHEDULE THEY DID NOT. YET
4 I STILL AM VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED TO MORE OVERSIGHT ON THIS
5 DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE MIRED IN VARIOUS OTHER STUFF THAT THEY'RE
6 NOT DOING THAT WELL. THE LOBBYIST ORDINANCE, AS YOU KNOW, THEY
7 SUPERVISE. THERE WERE ZERO ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS DURING 2012.
8 THAT IS A STUNNING NUMBER, A STUNNING NUMBER. I GUESS THE
9 FOLKS FROM THE MOTION PICTURE TEAM WHO ARE DOWN HERE IN GOOD
10 FAITH TRYING TO NEGOTIATE SOMETHING REASONABLE FOR THE GRAND
11 AVENUE THING AND MS. MOLINA IS PLAYING A LITTLE BIT OF
12 HARDBALL. I COULDN'T TELL FROM THE SUPPLEMENTAL, FROM THE
13 INFORMATION WHERE IT HAS LANDED NOW, BUT I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT
14 PEOPLE REALIZE THAT TO THINK OF THIS AS A REVENUE DRIVER IS
15 NOT CREDIBLE OR MEANINGFUL. IT SHOULD BE FAIR AND BALANCED
16 WITH THE OTHER FILMING LOCATIONS IN LOS ANGELES. THAT'S
17 OBVIOUS. AND IT SHOULD NOT BE TAKING THIS LONG, THAT'S WHAT
18 I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS GOING TO AMOUNT TO
19 PEANUTS IN THE BIG PICTURE BUT LET'S FIND SOMETHING THAT'S
20 FAIR AND GET THIS GOING. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL LOCATION. THERE ARE
21 TWO ITEMS, ITEM 13 AND 14, THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THE PUBLIC
22 HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACQUIRING SOME REAL ESTATE. NOT REAL ESTATE.
23 THEY'RE RENTING SOME BUILDINGS. ONE OF THEM I TOOK A QUICK
24 GLANCE AT, AS I DO AND IT WAS THE SIZZLER CORPORATE
25 HEADQUARTERS THAT THEY'RE MOVING INTO, 30 OR 40 OFFICES NEAR



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1 THE AIRPORT. PUZZLING WHY WE WOULD NEED THAT NOW. AND THEN
2 THERE'S ANOTHER ONE OUT IN CANOGA PARK AREA. AND I TRIED TO
3 BENCHMARK THEM, AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE SOME SORT OF MATH
4 STUDENTS TO SEE. TO ME IT SEEMS LIKE THE CANOGA PARK DEAL
5 LOOKS LIKE A SLIGHTLY BETTER DEAL. THE PERCENTAGES OF TENANT
6 IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH IS A SUBJECT THAT MR. FUJIOKA AND I HAVE
7 GONE AROUND AND AROUND ABOUT IS SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER AT THE
8 ITEM 13. ANYWAY, IT'S VERY CONFUSING FOR FOLKS WHO HAVEN'T
9 READ THOSE, SO I'LL JUST MOVE ON. ITEM NUMBER 34 IS
10 INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, AGAIN, PUBLIC HEALTH IS RECEIVING SOME
11 MONEY FROM A GROUP CALLED THE COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS INC.
12 AND IT'S ALMOST A HALF MILLION DOLLARS. AND THE WRINKLE IS:
13 WHY ARE THEY DOING THAT FOR HYPERTENSION AND OBESITY AND WHAT
14 ARE THEY GETTING OUT OF IT?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
17 YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE NOW TURN TO DR. CLAVREUL. THANK YOU,
18 MR. PREVEN.

19

20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
21 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WILL STOP AT CS-6. I AM VERY
22 CONCERNED THAT YOU'RE GOING UNDER CLOSED SESSION ABOUT AN ITEM
23 OF THE LEASE WITH M.L.K. CORPORATION. I FEEL THAT THE WAY THIS
24 IS READING IS QUITE NEBULOUS AND IN ADDITION TO THE REAL
25 PROPERTY 12021 SOUTH WILMINGTON AVENUE. IN ADDITION TO THAT,



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1 WE ARE ALSO TALKING ABOUT GIVING THEM WITHOUT LIMITATION A
2 BUILDING LOCATED AT 1680 120 STREET LOS ANGELES. YOU KNOW, I
3 HAVE ASKED REPEATEDLY TO GET THE DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE LEASE
4 ABOUT THAT M.L.K. CORPORATION. I STILL WANT TO KNOW TO WHOM
5 THEY PAY 84,000 A YEAR FOR THESE TWO YEARS I KNOW OF. AND THIS
6 IS TAXPAYER MONEY. AND I KNOW WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW TO
7 WHOM THEY PAY THE 84,000 DOLLARS. AND I'M GOING TO COME BACK
8 HERE EVERY WEEK UNTIL YOU SHOW ME TO WHOM WE HAVE PAID 84,000
9 DOLLARS AT LEAST FOR TWO YEARS. AND 12,000 DOLLARS IN
10 UTILITIES. I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW. AND ON ITEM 47, ALSO
11 HAVING TO DO WITH M.L.K., WE ARE NOW TALKING ABOUT AN ADDITION
12 TO 4.7 MILLION DOLLARS FOR A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. YOU KNOW,
13 ALL OF THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL PROJECT
14 IF SOMEONE HAD DONE THEIR HOMEWORK. AND, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
15 BEEN 30 MILLION DOLLARS HERE, 4 MILLION DOLLARS THERE, IT
16 SEEMS IT IS TO TRY TO LEAD THE PUBLIC WITH THE LACK OF
17 KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. ON ITEM 60, THIS ITEM
18 SHOWS THAT WE ARE STOPPING A CONTRACT WITH KRONOS VIS-A-VIS
19 EMPLOYEES SCHEDULING FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WHAT DO WE
20 HAVE TO REPLACE IT? NOTHING IS MENTIONED AND SO ON. THAT WOULD
21 BE KIND OF NICE TO KNOW. I'M SURE THE EMPLOYEES WHO WORK FOR
22 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE ALSO TO KNOW
23 THAT. ON ITEM 28, I MEAN, 40 PERCENT INCREASE IN A MAINTENANCE
24 AGREEMENT? YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE IN INFLATION, BUT THAT'S REALLY
25 PUSHING IT A LITTLE BIT TOO FAR. IT LOOK LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE



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1 IS SLEEPING AT THE WHEEL. ANYWAY, I STILL NEED THE DOCUMENT
2 FROM THE M.L.K. CORPORATION. I HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE IT. I
3 DEMAND IT. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.
6 MA'AM?

7

8 **DENISE NG:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DENISE NG AND I'M
9 REPRESENTING S.E.I.U. UNITED SERVICE WORKERS WEST. WE
10 REPRESENT 2,500 AIRPORT WORKERS OUT OF L.A.X. AND I'M HERE TO
11 SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF MOTION NUMBER 3 BY SUPERVISORS KNABE AND
12 ANTONOVICH. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION BY
13 SUPERVISORS KNABE AND ANTONOVICH WHICH URGES LOS ANGELES WORLD
14 AIRPORT TO RETURN CONTROL OF L.A. ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL
15 AIRPORT TO LOCAL CONTROL IN THE INLAND EMPIRE. IN 2006,
16 WESTCHESTER RESIDENTS, INGLEWOOD, EL SEGUNDO, CULVER CITY AND
17 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ALL AGREED TO DROP LAW SUITS AGAINST
18 L.A.W.A. IN RETURN FOR A FIRM COMMITMENT FROM THE AIRPORT
19 AUTHORITY THAT IT WOULD SPREAD AIRPORT TRAFFIC ACROSS THE
20 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION, MOST NOTABLY TO ONTARIO. SEVEN
21 YEARS LATER, IT'S WELL UNDERSTOOD THAT L.A.W.A. HAS NOT KEPT
22 ITS PROMISES TO THOSE COMMUNITIES WHOSE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF
23 LIFE ARE SO DRAMATICALLY IMPACTED BY THE PRESENCE OF LAX IN
24 THEIR BACKYARD. AT THE SAME TIME THAT L.A.W.A.'S FOCUS OR
25 UNREGIONALIZATION HARMS LOCAL COMMUNITIES. IT HAS ALSO HARMED



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1 THE INLAND EMPIRE BY NOT LETTING THE REGION TAKE FULL ECONOMIC
2 ADVANTAGE OF THEIR AIRPORT WHILE MANY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
3 AIRPORTS OF SIMILAR SIZE HAVE BOUNCED BACK FROM THE 2008
4 ECONOMIC COLLAPSE, THE AIR TRAFFIC AT ONTARIO CONTINUES TO
5 DECLINE. RETURNING ONTARIO TO LOCAL CONTROL ALSO OFFERS A
6 UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO MAINTAIN OR EVEN IMPROVE STANDARDS FOR
7 THE INLAND EMPIRE WORKERS. UNDER LOCAL CONTROL, ONTARIO
8 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SHOULD RETAIN THE LIVING WAGE AND
9 SERVICE CONTRACT WORKER RETENTION STANDARDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY
10 UNDER PLACE IN L.A.W.A. IT IS PASTIME FOR L.A.W.A. TO RETURN
11 LOCAL CONTROL OF ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. L.A.W.A. HAS
12 NEGLECTED THE RESPONSIBILITIES HERE AND THE RESIDENTS OF LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY AND THE INLAND EMPIRE ARE SUFFERING AS A
14 RESULT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

17

18 **RICHARD MOSS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M RICHARD MOSS. I'M
19 HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEM 14. ALSO TO OFFER MYSELF UP IF
20 THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS FROM ANY OF THE SUPERVISORS ABOUT THE
21 ITEM, I'D BE HAPPY TO ADDRESS THEM.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** ANY QUESTIONS ON ITEM 14?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CLOSES THE
2 PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION ON THOSE ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICER.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE
6 YOU. ITEM NUMBER 1-H IS BEFORE YOU. ITEM NUMBER 1 IS BEFORE
7 YOU WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CLEM BARTOLAI WHICH WILL BE
8 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 14. ITEM NUMBER 13, 14, 23, 28, 34.
9 ON ITEM 35, THAT WILL BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. 37 WILL BE
10 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. 39 IS BEFORE YOU. ON ITEM NUMBER 47,
11 SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE, BUT THAT ITEM IS
12 BEFORE YOU. 49 IS BEFORE YOU, 60 AND 77-B.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. PROPERLY MOVED BY
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE. A SECOND BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. HEARING
16 NO OBJECTIONS OTHER THAN THOSE NOTED,

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I'M SORRY ON ITEM 47, SUPERVISOR
19 MOLINA IS A NO VOTE INSTEAD OF AN ABSTENTION BUT THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. HAVING NOTED THAT,
22 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ARE YOU OKAY?

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE
2 OF THE AGENDA.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
5 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 3.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR
8 YAROSLAVSKY.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN I WAS GOING TO ADJOURN IN
11 MEMORY OF TONI YANCEY BUT I'LL DEFER TO YOU. AND I'LL JOIN YOU
12 ON THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DONNA LEE
13 ANDREWS, WHO I THINK WE ALL KNOW, WHO WAS REALLY AN
14 OUTSTANDING CONSULTANT FOR US ON COASTAL COMMISSION-RELATED
15 MATTERS, A DYNAMIC, EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT YOUNG WOMAN WHO
16 PASSED A FEW DAYS AGO AT A VERY UNTIMELY AGE AS FAR AS ANY OF
17 US ARE CONCERNED. SHE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 BEACHES AND HARBORS. SHE WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR OFFICE AND I
19 KNOW A NUMBER OF OTHER OFFICES. AND SHE WAS IN THE MIDST OF
20 WORKING WITH US ON A PROJECT AS SHE TOOK ILL. SO I WANT TO
21 ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY. AND ASK THAT ALL FIVE MEMBERS JOIN.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE IN THE WAY OF ADJOURNING
2 MOTIONS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
5 YAROSLAVSKY. SUPERVISOR KNABE, PLEASE, YOUR SPECIALS.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, DO YOU WANT TO TAKE UP SPECIALS OR JUST
8 ADJOURNING MOTIONS?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO LET ME GO BACK, MR. CHAIRMAN. ITEM 3, I
13 HAVE AN AMENDMENT WHICH THE MAKER OF THE MOTION HAS ACCEPTED.
14 SO I READ I WILL READ IT IN IF CAN PASS IT OUT. IT'S EASIER TO
15 SEE THAN HAVE IT READ. NUMBER 2 OF THE MOTION WOULD "INSTRUCT
16 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SEND A LETTER INDICATING THE
17 BOARD SUPPORT FOR RETURNING ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO
18 THE TO THE LOCAL CONTROL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO." AND THEN WE
19 ADD "BASED ON A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PURCHASE PRICE AND IN A
20 MANNER THAT AVOIDS UNWARRANTED LITIGATION AND PROTECTS THE
21 FINANCIAL INTEREST OF ONTARIO AND LOS ANGELES AS WELL THE
22 INTEREST OF ALL THOSE WHO USE L.A.X. AND ONTARIO" AND IT GOES
23 ON TO SAY WHAT THE ORIGINAL MOTION SAID "ADDRESSED TO THE
24 MAYORS OF THE CITIES OF LOS ANGELES, ONTARIO, L.A.W.A. AND
25 APPROPRIATE AGENCIES." THAT'S MY AMENDMENT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THAT.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN SECONDED BY
5 THE MAKER OF THE MOTION, HE INTERPRETS IT AS A FRIENDLY
6 AMENDMENT. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON ITEM NUMBER 3? HEARING
7 NONE, WE'LL MOVE FORWARD. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR
8 YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD THE APPROPRIATE VOTES
9 HAVING NOTED MY ABSTENTION.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I BELIEVE, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT'S ALL I
12 HAVE.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
15 YAROSLAVSKY. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I, TOO, JUST WANT TO
18 ADD MY CONDOLENCES AND ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONNA ANDREWS
19 AGAIN. I WON'T BE REDUNDANT IN WHAT ZEV INDICATED, BUT SHE DID
20 AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF WORK FOR US, BOTH LONG TERM AND SHORT-
21 TERM. AND OUR AMENDMENT PROCESS. SHE WAS INTELLIGENT,
22 PROACTIVE. INCLUSIVE AND AN INCREDIBLE, INCREDIBLE YOUNG LADY.
23 TRAGEDY THAT THE PASSING AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 52. AND SHE'S
24 SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER AND SIBLINGS AND NUMEROUS AUNTS AND
25 UNCLES AND COUSINS. I WANT TO BE PART OF THAT, AS ZEV



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1 MENTIONED, ALL MEMBERS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THOMAS
2 TRELAK FATHER OF DEBBIE TOMLINSON WHO PASSED AWAY EARLIER THIS
3 MONTH. DEBBIE HEADS OUR VOLUNTEER SERVICES AT RANCHO. HE WAS
4 90 YEARS OLD, SURVIVED BY HIS SON AND DAUGHTER. ALSO THAT WE
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF REES EDWARDS PRICE, BELOVED FATHER OF A
6 GOOD FRIEND JOHN WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY. BORN IN IOWA. REES
7 GREW UP IN LONG BEACH. HE GRADUATED FROM POLY DURING WORLD WAR
8 II. HE WAS STATIONED AT FORT LEWIS IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON.
9 LATER BECAME A FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST WITH THE COUNTY FIRE
10 DEPARTMENT BEFORE RETIRING IN 1976. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
11 PATSY, THREE SONS, JOHN, JOE, AND JIM. AND THREE
12 GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. ALSO
13 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHRISTOPHER JARVI WHO PASSED AWAY
14 AT THE AGE OF 68. HE EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE FROM U.C.
15 DAVIS, A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE FROM CAL POLY. HE BEGAN HIS
16 CAREER AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
17 RECREATION AS A PARK MANAGEMENT TRAINEE IN '71. HE WAS HEAD
18 PLANNER FOR THREE YEARS. AFTER LEAVING THE COUNTY, HE WAS
19 APPOINTED PARKS SUPERINTENDENT FOR ANAHEIM. SUBSEQUENTLY THE
20 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE. AFTER HIS 24-YEAR CAREER WITH
21 ANAHEIM HE TRANSFERRED TO THE NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE
22 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR IN WASHINGTON D. C. HE IS SURVIVED
23 BY HIS WIFE SYLVIA, SON DAVEY AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE
24 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY LOU SCHMIDT. LONG-TIME COMMUNITY
25 ICON AND LEADER WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76. BORN AND



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1 RAISED IN SOUTH GATE. BEGAN A CAREER WITH THE DOWNEY Y.M.C.A.
2 VERY INVOLVED WITH THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF DOWNEY FOR THREE
3 DECADES. THROUGH HER ASSOCIATION, SHE WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN
4 THE HOUSING AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES PROGRAM AFFECTIONATELY
5 KNOWN AS HOME, A 10-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX USED TO TEMPORARILY
6 HOUSE FAMILIES OF PATIENTS UNDERGOING TREATMENT AT RANCHO.
7 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND DON, SON TIM AND TWO
8 GRANDCHILDREN. AND FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN
9 VAN SURKSUM, BELLFLOWER RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON
10 APRIL 21ST SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR DAUGHTERS, JILL, LAURINDA,
11 JUDY, JENNIFER, SIX GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD AND
12 TWO SISTERS. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALAN
15 WOOD. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II NAVY VETERAN WHO WAS CREDITED FOR
16 PROVIDING THE 37 SQUARE FOOT FLAG USED IN THE FAMOUS FLAG
17 RAISING ON IWO JIMA. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE
18 WORKED AS A TECHNICAL ARTIST AND WAS A SPOKESMAN FOR J.P.L
19 .AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON. HOWARD PHILLIPS PASSED AWAY AT
20 THE AGE OF 72. HE SERVED ALONGSIDE PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON IN
21 HIS ADMINISTRATION ALONG WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN. HE WAS
22 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOSTON REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE WHERE HE ALSO, AS
23 I SAID, IN THE MIX ON ADMINISTRATION, THE REAGAN
24 ADMINISTRATION LOOKED AT THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.
25 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARGARET AND THEIR THREE SONS AND



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1 THREE DAUGHTERS AND HIS SISTER. I WORKED WITH HOWARD ON A
2 NUMBER OF CAMPAIGNS. HE WAS A GREAT FORCE, A GREAT
3 INTELLECTUAL. HE AND JUSTICE DANNY BOGGS WERE AT HARVARD AND
4 THEY WERE QUITE INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE
5 REPUBLICAN PARTY AT THAT TIME. AND JUSTICE BOGGS SERVED WITH
6 DISTINCTION ON THE HIGHEST COURT, COURT OF APPEAL FEDERAL
7 LEVEL. ROBERT "BOB" JARVIS, RESIDENT OF COVINA, PASSED AWAY AT
8 THE AGE OF 82. HE SERVED 35 YEARS WITH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE
9 DEPARTMENT, BUT HE WORKED EIGHT YEARS WITH THE LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY POLICE AND MOUNTED UNIT COORDINATOR AND TRAINING
11 INSTRUCTOR. HE FOUNDED THE MARSHAL CANYON MOUNTED ASSISTANCE
12 UNIT FOR THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION,
13 SERVED AS THE CHIEF OF THAT UNIT FOR OVER 20 YEARS. HE WAS
14 INVOLVED IN ALL OF OUR TRAIL RIDES. AND HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND,
15 GOOD LEADER, GOOD EQUESTRIAN. WE WILL MISS HIM. HE IS SURVIVED
16 BY HIS WIFE OF 57 YEARS AND HIS THREE CHILDREN. SISTER
17 PATRICIA ANN GILLIGAN PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 26TH. SHE WAS A
18 SISTER OF ST. JOSEPHS OF CARONDOLETE SINCE 1947. SHE SERVED
19 FOR MANY YEARS IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, SURVIVING BY HER
20 SISTER ELEANOR. TOM BARTMAN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 67. HE
21 SERVED SEVEN YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD
22 OF EDUCATION. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND HIS SON AND
23 DAUGHTER AND HIS MOTHER AND SISTER.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN ON THAT ONE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JANET ARNERICH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 104.

3 SHE WAS A DENTAL HYGIENIST. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON TOM.

4 THEY WERE QUITE INVOLVED IN THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY. ALSO LIKE

5 TO JOIN IN SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S ADJOURNMENT MOTION

6 FOR DR. YANCEY. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRST FIVE, SHE WAS AN

7 INTEGRAL PART OF THAT COMMITTEE. AND HER GREAT CONTRIBUTION

8 WAS GETTING EVERYBODY TO EXERCISE. SO EVERY HOUR DURING THE

9 MEETING, WE WOULD ALL HAVE TO STOP, STAND UP AND DO SOME

10 EXERCISES WITH HER. AND SHE WAS A GREAT LADY. SHE WAS A

11 PEDIATRICIAN, PHYSICIAN AT U.C.L.A. AND A WONDERFUL ROLE

12 MODEL. SHIRLEY ELIZABETH BLAIR. SHE WAS THE SECRETARY

13 VOLUNTEER AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY. SHE PASSED AWAY AT

14 THE AGE OF 91. VICTOR SCOTT CONIGLIO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF

15 47, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AGNESS ADRIENNE

16 GAMBAIANI , A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PALMDALE PASSED AWAY AT THE

17 AGE OF 94. EDWARD RICHARD KISSELL. HE WAS IN THE PACKAGING

18 INDUSTRY. BUILT HIS OWN COMPANY, ALL-PACK COMPANY. SERVED

19 QUITE ACTIVELY ON THE COVINA ROTARY AS PRESIDENT AND STARTED

20 THEIR ANNUAL FUN RUN. INSTRUMENTAL IN THE BUILDING OF THE PONY

21 LEAGUE BASEBALL FIELD AT HOLLENBECK PARK. HE WAS A MEMBER OF

22 THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND SERVED IN THE ILLINOIS STATE

23 NATIONAL GUARD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FIVE CHILDREN. PASSED

24 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. DONALD LUNDEN OF COVINA, A MEMBER OF

25 THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF C.P.A.S, THE COVINA CHAMBER OF



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1 COMMERCE, THE COVINA HOST LIONS CLUB AS PAST PRESIDENT AND
2 MEMBER OF THE COVINA NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE. DAVID TORRES,
3 SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER AND HIS MOTHER AND BROTHER. CARLTON
4 "CORKY" WHITE OF LA VERNE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80.
5 WILLIAM "BILL" MCADAM III PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 66. HE
6 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NATIONAL GUARD. HE WAS
7 REGIONAL MANAGER OF MAZDA OF AMERICA FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS. AS
8 MENTIONED DONNA ANDREWS WHO WAS PRESIDENT OF THE LEE ANDREWS
9 GROUP AND SHE PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS
10 ON ADVICE ON SECURING COASTAL COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE
11 MARINA DEL REY PROJECT. TODAY WE REMEMBER DAVID MARCH, LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY WHO WAS MURDERED ON APRIL
13 29TH. DEPUTY SHERIFF STATIONED AT THE TEMPLE CITY STATION, HE
14 WAS GUNNED DOWN BY AN ILLEGAL ALIEN IN WHAT BEGAN AS A ROUTINE
15 TRAFFIC STOP IN IRWINDALE. RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
16 AND SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE TERI AS WELL AS HIS STEP-DAUGHTER AND
17 HIS MOM AND DAD. AS YOU KNOW ON THE FREEWAY, THERE IS A SIGN
18 IN HIS MEMORIAL. JERRY WOLF, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT, LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE LANCASTER STATION.
20 CHRISTIAN MANOBANDA PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 15TH, DEPUTY SHERIFF.
21 HE WAS LAST ASSIGNED TO OUR TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.
22 DAVID [DONALD] COPELAND, PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 24TH, RETIRED
23 DEPUTY LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND HIS LAST
24 ASSIGNMENT WAS COURT SERVICES. MR. CHAIRMAN, IF YOU COULD CALL
25 UP ITEM 62 AND 63.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MADAM EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICER, THOSE TWO ITEMS, PLEASE?

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF WE COULD CALL 62, 63 AND REGISTRAR-
6 RECORDER. I UNDERSTAND DEBBY MARTIN IS HERE, FOR THE REGISTER
7 RECORDER.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WOULD THE APPROPRIATE STAFF ON
10 62, 63 PLEASE COME FORWARD AT THE REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH. GOOD MORNING.

12

13 **DEBBIE MARTIN:** GOOD MORNING.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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17 **DEBBIE MARTIN:** DEBBIE MARTIN, CHIEF DEPUTY REGISTER RECORDER
18 COUNTY CLERK.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOUR MEMO TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS YOUR
24 DEPARTMENT MEMO STATES THAT THE RECENT LEGISLATION MOVED ALL
25 STATE MEASURES TO THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS



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1 AND WATER DISTRICTS WERE HELD ON THE JUNE BALLOT OF EVEN
2 YEARS, HOW WOULD THAT BE A PROBLEM?

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4 **DEBBIE MARTIN:** WELL, WE STILL HAVE A CAPACITY ISSUE IN
5 GENERAL. AND AS WE INDICATED, AS WE MOVE TOWARDS THE NEW
6 VOTING SYSTEM, WE SHOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE. BUT
7 RIGHT NOW WE DON'T.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU RECOMMENDING AGAINST THIS WHEN THE
10 CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT HAD THE EXACT SAME REQUEST
11 LAST YEAR, MAY 17TH, ON THEIR BOARD AGENDA, BUT YET THERE WAS
12 NO RECOMMENDATION TO AN OPPOSE IT?

13

14 **DEBBIE MARTIN:** CORRECT. WE'RE RECOMMENDING "NO" AS FOR
15 CERRITOS. IT WAS ONE DISTRICT. IT WAS A DIFFERENT SITUATION.
16 WE'RE DEALING WITH AT LEAST HALF A DOZEN DISTRICTS HERE. SO
17 THERE'S A LOT MORE CAPACITY BEING TAKEN UP ON THE BALLOT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE QUESTION THEN, IF WE DON'T KNOW HOW
20 MANY ITEMS WILL BE ON THE 2014 BALLOT, HOW DO WE KNOW THERE
21 WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT SPACE ON THAT BALLOT?

22

23 **DEBBIE MARTIN:** WELL, WE CONSTANTLY LOOK AT THE BALLOT AND WE
24 DO LAYOUTS TO SEE WHAT SPACE CAPACITY IS AND WE'RE AT 75



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1 PERCENT OR MORE. AND WE NEED TO LEAVE IT OPEN FOR EMERGENCY
2 MEASURES AND ISSUES LIKE THAT.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE ARE MEMBERS FROM THE
5 SCHOOL BOARD HERE THAT MIGHT HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE REGISTRAR-
6 RECORDER I'D LIKE TO ASK.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THEY PRESENT?
9 GLORIA MERCADO-FORTINE, STEVE ZIMMER, SUZAN SOLOMAN. AND
10 FINALLY SUSAN CHRISTOPHER. IF THE FOUR OF YOU WOULD COME
11 FORWARD AND BE HEARD ON ITEM 62. MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED.

12

13 **GLORIA MERCADO-FORTINE:** GOOD MORNING. CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS
14 AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS GLORIA
15 MERCADO-FORTINE AND I AM A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE
16 WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCATED IN SANTA
17 CLARITA VALLEY. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE HART DISTRICT AND
18 IN SUPPORT OF FOUR FEEDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICTS:
19 CASTAIC, NEWHALL, SAUGUS AND SILVER SPRINGS AND THE SANTA
20 CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE. TO REQUEST APPROVAL TO CONSOLIDATE
21 ELECTIONS OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS TO
22 ALLOW FOR GREATER VOTER PARTICIPATION AND BETTER
23 REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY GROUPS. ALL SIX DISTRICTS CURRENTLY
24 USE AN AT-LARGE ELECTION SYSTEM FOR PURPOSES OF ELECTING
25 GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS IN AN EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH THE



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1 CALIFORNIA VOTING ACT RIGHTS ACT C.V.R.A. AND DECREASE
2 EXPOSURE TO POTENTIAL C.V.R.A. CLAIMS, THE SIX DISTRICTS IN
3 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY COMMISSOINED A DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY FOR
4 THE PURPOSES OF EVALUATING OUR COMPLIANCE UNDER THE C.V.R.A.
5 THE DEMOGRAPHIC STUDIES INDICATED THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBLE
6 NEED TO INCREASE THE VOTING POWER OF CERTAIN VOTING BLOCKS
7 WITHIN EACH OF THE SIX DISTRICTS. THE DISTRICT EXAMINED
8 AVAILABLE OPTIONS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE C.V.R.A. THE
9 OPTIONS INCLUDED CONVERSION TO A BI-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION
10 SYSTEM AND, TWO, CONVERSION TO AN EVEN YEAR ELECTION SYSTEM.
11 OPTION 1 CONVERSION BY A BI-DISTRICT AREA ELECTION WHILE
12 PROVIDING STATUTORY SAFE HARBOR WAS UNFORTUNATELY NOT A VALID
13 OPTION BASED ON THE DEMOGRAPHIC STUDIES. STUDIES INDICATED
14 THAT REDISTRICTING DID NOT INCREASE MINORITY VOTING POWER
15 BECAUSE THE VOTING POPULATION WAS SUBSTANTIALLY DISPERSED
16 ETHNICALLY SUCH THAT NEW DISTRICTS COULD NOT BE CONSTRUCTED TO
17 HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON VOTING AND COULD POSSIBLY DECREASE
18 MINORITY VOTING POWER. THE DISTRICT SEARCHED FOR ALTERNATIVE
19 SOLUTIONS TO INCREASE MINORITY VOTING POWER WITHIN THE
20 DISTRICTS AND THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. THE DISTRICTS EXAMINED
21 THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF CONVERTING FROM ODD YEAR ELECTIONS TO
22 EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS. BASED ON THE DEMOGRAPHIC STUDIES, THERE
23 IS AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT MOVING TO AN EVEN YEAR ELECTION WOULD
24 SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE VOTING POWER IN EACH OF THE DISTRICTS.
25 THE REASON IS THAT EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS COINCIDE WITH OTHER



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1 NATIONAL AND STATE ELECTIONS, RESULTING IN MUCH HIGHER VOTER
2 TURNOUT IN THE VOTING COMMUNITY. THAT IS WHAT OUR AMERICAN
3 SYSTEM IS ABOUT TO BE INCLUSIVE?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS
6 EXPIRED. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR?

7

8 **STEVE ZIMMER:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
9 I'M STEVE ZIMMER. AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE SANTA CLARITA
10 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THANK YOU FOR
11 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ABOUT CONSOLIDATING OUR ELECTIONS
12 FROM ODD YEARS TO EVEN NUMBERED YEARS. IN READING THROUGH THE
13 BACKGROUND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE RECORDER REGISTRAR'S
14 OFFICE, IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT OUR REQUEST HIGHLIGHTS LONG-
15 STANDING ISSUES WITH THE WORKABILITY OF THE COUNTY'S VOTING
16 SYSTEM AND PRESENTS US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE GOOD
17 GOVERNMENT IN ACTION. FOLLOWING UP ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
18 QUESTIONS TO THE REGISTRAR, NOWHERE IN THEIR REPORT DO THEY
19 SAY THEY CANNOT FULFILL OUR REQUEST. WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU
20 SUPPORT OUR REQUEST. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE EVEN NUMBER YEA
21 ELECTIONS WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION IN
22 OUR DISTRICTS BECAUSE TURNOUT IS ALWAYS HIGHER. AND AS GLORIA
23 MERCADO-FORTINE SAID, IT WOULD HELP GET OUT THE VOTE. AT THE
24 SAME TIME, CONSOLIDATING ELECTIONS WOULD YEILD A SIGNIFICANT
25 FINANCIAL SAVINGS. MY DISTRICT PAYS THE COST OF ELECTIONS FROM



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1 ITS GENERAL FUND. THE SAME SOURCE USED TO OFFER CLASSROOM
2 INSTRUCTION. SO WHEN WE PAY MORE THAN WE NEED TO FOR
3 ELECTIONS, WE ARE OFFERING OUR STUDENTS LESS. CONVERSELY, OUR
4 SAVINGS, WE REALIZE, LEADS TO AN IMMEDIATE BENEFIT TO OUR
5 STUDENTS. THE MONIES SAVED FROM CONSOLIDATING ELECTIONS WOULD
6 LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CLASSES WE CAN
7 OFFER. WE'RE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO PROVIDE HIGH DEMAND
8 TRAINING AND HELP DRIVE THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN LOS ANGELES.
9 AND ADDITIONAL CLASSES WOULD ENABLE US TO BETTER ADDRESS THE
10 NEEDS OF VETERANS, AS WELL. BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, ASSUME THAT WE
11 SAVE 180,000 DOLLARS PER ELECTION. THAT'S ALMOST WHAT IT COSTS
12 US TO OFFER 60 COURSE SECTIONS. EACH OF THOSE CLASSES HOLDS 35
13 STUDENTS. SO THE SAVINGS COULD OPEN UP AN ADDITIONAL 2,100
14 SEATS IN OUR CLASSES AND MOVE 20 PERCENT OF THE WAIT-LISTED
15 STUDENTS OFF OF WAITING LISTS AND INTO CLASSROOMS WHERE THEY
16 BELONG. AS YOU CONSIDER THIS DECISION TODAY, I'D LIKE YOU TO
17 SEE IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A WIN-WIN SITUATION. GRANT
18 OUR REQUEST FOR ELECTION CONSOLIDATION AND AT THE SAME TIME
19 DIRECT THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE TO UPDATE THEIR VOTING EQUIPMENT
20 TO ENSURE THAT OUR REQUEST CAN BE ACCOMMODATED. DOING SO WILL
21 BENEFIT OUR VOTERS AND OUR STUDENTS, BUT IT WILL ALSO ALLOW
22 OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE REST OF THE COUNTY TO ENJOY THE
23 SAME BENEFITS. THAT'S GOOD GOVERNMENT. AND IT'S A DECISION WE
24 CAN ALL BE PROUD OF. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

2 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **SUZAN SOLOMAN:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS, HONORABLE COUNTY SUPERVISORS, MR. ANTONOVICH, I'M
6 SUZAN SOLOMON, I'M THE GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER FOR THE NEWHALL
7 SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M A 14 YEAR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER. OVER
8 THOSE 14 YEARS WE HAVE SPENT A LOT OF DISCUSSION IN OUR VALLEY
9 ABOUT WAYS TO INCREASE VOTING IN L.A. COUNTY, IN OUR AREA. AND
10 AFTER EVERY ELECTION IN L.A. COUNTY I ALWAYS SEE IT'S LESS
11 THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS COME OUT TO VOTE. SO AS A SCHOOL
12 BOARD TRUSTEE ENTRUSTED WITH PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY, WHAT WITH
13 WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS PROVIDE GREATER ACCESS TO OUR VOTERS IN
14 OUR VALLEY AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT AND HAVE
15 THE RESULT OF GENERATING FUTURE LEADERSHIP FOR OUR SCHOOL
16 DISTRICTS IN OUR VALLEY. AND BY PUTTING OUR VOTING CYCLES WITH
17 THE STATE OR NATIONAL ELECTION CYCLES, WE BELIEVE WE CAN BEGIN
18 TO ACCOMPLISH THAT PURPOSE. WE HAVE COMPLIED WITH
19 RECOMMENDATIONS TO DO STUDIES ON HOW THIS WOULD IMPACT OUR
20 DEMOGRAPHICS. AND IF WE WERE TO MOVE TO TRUSTEE AREAS, THAT
21 WOULD ACTUALLY HARM THE REPRESENTATION FOR ALL OF THE PEOPLE
22 IN OUR SANTA CLARITA VALLEY IN OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THANK
23 YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
2 FINAL SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM.

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4 **SUSAN CHRISTOPHER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS SUSAN CHRISTOPHER.
5 I'M PRESIDENT OF CASTAIC SCHOOL BOARD AND VICE PRESIDENT OF
6 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION. I'M HERE
7 REPRESENTING ALL OF OUR BOARDS AS WE ALL VOTED TO HAVE THIS
8 RECOMMENDATION PASS BY YOU. I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.
9 I WANT TO FIRST OFF ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE DON'T SEEK TO USURP
10 THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE. WE UNDERSTAND
11 THAT THERE ARE REAL COSTS AND OTHER PRACTICAL MATTERS THAT
12 HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH. I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT IS THAT
13 WE CAN DISTINGUISH THE SITUATION MUCH AS THE CERRITOS
14 SITUATION WAS DISTINGUISHED. THERE ARE SIX DISTRICTS BANNED
15 TOGETHER. AN ENTIRE GEOGRAPHIC REGION ENCOMPASSED WITH THIS.
16 AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S A RELATIVELY SMALL GEOGRAPHIC REGION
17 WHEN COMPARED TO THE REST OF L.A. COUNTY. DATA HAS SHOWN THAT
18 THE ONLY WAY TO IMPROVE OUR MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN VOTING
19 IS THROUGH EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS AND THERE ARE IMMINENT AND
20 POTENTIAL LAWSUITS COMING DOWN THE FREEWAY LITERALLY TOWARD US
21 THAT IF WE DON'T MITIGATE IN SITUATION, WE COULD BE IN OTHER
22 TROUBLE. SO WE WOULD ASK YOU TO DISTINGUISH THIS SITUATION. WE
23 ACKNOWLEDGE THE ISSUE THAT THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE PUT BEFORE
24 YOU. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE THINK THAT YOU CAN STILL
25 ACCOMMODATE OUR REQUEST AND DISTINGUISH OUR SITUATION SO THAT



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1 WE'RE NOT CREATING PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE DISTRICTS. THANK YOU
2 SO MUCH.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND THAT CLOSSES THE
5 PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION ON THIS ITEM, ITEM NUMBER 62.
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I MOVE THE ITEM.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM IS MOVED. IS THERE A
9 SECOND? SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. ANY OBJECTIONS? ITEM
10 NUMBER 62?

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12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND 63.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** 62 AND 63.

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16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** REST FOR A MINUTE?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEING
23 HELD FOR A MINUTE.

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25 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SPECIALS GO TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** MEMBERS, I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO ASK ME FOR
3 ADJOURNING IN THE MEMORY OF MARJORIE H. STEIN. SHE'S THE
4 BELOVED MOTHER OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MICHAEL STERN. SORRY.
5 IT'S MARJORIE H. STERN, I APOLOGIZE, OF JUDGE MICHAEL STERN.
6 SHE'S MOTHER-IN-LAW OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
7 PRESIDENT ANTONIA HERNANDEZ. MRS. STERN IS A A WELL-KNOWN
8 EDUCATIONAL ADVOCATE WHOSE LONG-STANDING EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF
9 TEACHERS LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARJORIE H. STERN
10 SCHOLARSHIP. ALSO HER DEDICATED PHILANTHROPIC EFFORTS TOUCHED
11 COUNTLESS LIVES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE WANT TO SEND OUR
12 HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO JUDGE STERN AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY.
13 THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
16 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IF YOU WOULD JOIN ME AS HAS BEEN
17 REFERENCED IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF DR. ANTRONETTE YANCEY,
18 AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN TO MANY MUCH US AS "TONI" BORN NOVEMBER
19 1, 1957 AND PASSED ON APRIL 23 AT THE AGE OF 55. BORN IN
20 KANSAS CITY, KANSAS AND RECEIVED HER UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN
21 BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.
22 SHE RECEIVED HER MEDICAL DEGREE AT DUKE UNIVERSITY AND THEN
23 COMPLETED A PREVENTIVE MEDICINE RESIDENCY AT U.C.L.A. DR.
24 YANCEY BECAME THE DIRECTOR OF CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND
25 HEALTH PROMOTIONS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF



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1 HEALTH SERVICES. MOST RECENTLY, A PROFESSOR AT U.C.L.A.'S
2 FIELDING SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH. DR. YANCEY WAS ALSO
3 APPOINTED AS THE SECOND DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TO FIRST FIVE
4 L.A. IN 2011 WHERE MANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS HAD A CHANCE TO
5 SEE WHAT AN EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUAL SHE WAS. SHE WILL BE
6 REMEMBERED FOR BEING AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE FORCE WHO MADE AN
7 IMPACT ON EVERYONE SHE KNEW. IN ADDITION TO BEING A PHYSICIAN
8 AND PROFESSOR, SHE WAS A POET AND AUTHOR, FORMER FASHION MODEL
9 AND A DIVISION 1 BASKETBALL PLAYER IN HER UNDERGRADUATE YEARS.
10 DR. YANCEY IS SURVIVED BY HER PARTNER, DARLENE, AND DAUGHTER,
11 KANITRA, GRANDDAUGHTER, ANAIS, BROTHER, SISTER-IN-LAW AND
12 NIECE AND MANY OTHERS WHO WILL MISS HER IN HER PROFESSIONAL
13 LIFE AS WELL AS IN HER PERSONAL LIFE. ANTRONETTE YANCEY, M.D.
14 ALL MEMBERS. ELINOR GLENN PASSED ON APRIL 25TH. PIONEER IN THE
15 FIGHT FOR WORKERS AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS. FIRST WOMAN TO BE HIRED
16 AS AN ORGANIZER BY THE S.E.I.U.. SHE WAS A VISIONARY WHO
17 BROUGHT THE PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS TOGETHER TO ORGANIZE BEFORE
18 THEY HAD COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS. MS. GLENN BUILT THE
19 S.E.I.U. LOCAL 434 IN LOS ANGELES WITH OTHER STALWARTS SUCH AS
20 OPHELIA MCFADDEN AS WE ACKNOWLEDGED HER PASSING JUST A FEW
21 WEEKS AGO. THIS LITTLE UNION GREW FROM 700 MEMBERS TO 7,000
22 MEMBERS. SHE LED THE FIRST STRIKE OF COUNTY WORKERS TO PROTECT
23 WAGES AND SENIORITY RIGHTS. S.E.I.U. LOCAL 434B BECAME A
24 UNITED LONG TERM CARE WORKERS. PASSIONATE FOR IMPROVING THE
25 LIVES OF WORKING PEOPLE WAS BOUNDLESS. SHE BROKE DOWN WALLS



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1 FOR HOME CARE AND PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS WHEN MANY THOUGHT IT
2 COULD NOT BE DONE. ELINOR WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER LOVE AND
3 HER COMMITMENT TO S.E.I.U. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY TO HER FELLOW
4 WORKERS, HER FAMILY AND TO HER COMMUNITY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
5 HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY.
6 BERNADINE MURRAY. MEMBERS, MISS MURRAY WAS BORN APRIL 2, 1930
7 AND SHE PASSED APRIL 27TH OF THIS YEAR AFTER MOVING TO TAMPA,
8 FLORIDA, SHE MET THE LOVE OF HER LIFE, REVEREND DR. CECIL L.
9 "CHIP" MURRAY. MRS. MURRAY BEGAN TEACHING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
10 WEST PALM BEACH AND EMPOWERED YOUNG MINDS WITH SKILLS THAT
11 WOULD ENRICH THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. SHE ALSO HELPED TO
12 DEVELOP THE HEAD START PROGRAM FOR YOUTH. AFTER MARRYING
13 PASTOR MURRAY, THEY MOVED TO OXNARD. THEY BEGAN THEIR FORMAL
14 MINISTRY AT PRIMM A.M.E. CHURCH WITH ONLY SEVEN MEMBERS AND
15 GREW IT TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MEMBERS. AFTER THEIR SON
16 DREW, THEY WERE ASSIGNED TO FIRST A.M.E. CHURCH IN LOS
17 ANGELES. MS. MURRAY WAS INSPIRED AND DEVELOPED AN AIDS
18 MINISTRY. HER WORK SERVED SKID ROW RESIDENTS SERVING MEALS AND
19 PROVIDING CLOTHES FOR THE HOMELESS. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS
20 THE FIRST LADY OF THE FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
21 AND A BEAUTIFUL HEART, FULL OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE. MRS.
22 MURRAY IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, REVEREND DR. CECIL L.
23 "CHIP" MURRAY. THEIR SON, DREW, AND MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS
24 WHO LOVE HER AND WILL MISS HER DEARLY. ALL MEMBERS FOR THE
25 PASSING OF BERNADINE MURRAY, THE WIFE OF DR. CECIL L. MURRAY.



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1 AND, FINALLY, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, HARUJI OGAWA PASSED ON
2 APRIL THE 26TH. HE'S THE FATHER OF PATRICK OGAWA, CHIEF DEPUTY
3 FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, TERESA,
4 SON PATRICK, DAUGHTER CINDY, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, SON-IN-LAW AND
5 FIVE CHILDREN AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY RELATIVES
6 AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. THAT CONCLUDES MY
7 ADJOURNING MOTIONS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU ARE HOLDING ITEM NUMBER
10 29 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THAT UP.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 29, BOTH
13 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I ARE HOLDING THEM UP. DON, DO YOU WANT
14 TO PROCEED WITH YOUR QUESTIONS?

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK I GOT MY ANSWERS. SO I'M OKAY. MY CONCERN
17 WAS THAT I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT ASK. DR. KATZ HAS BEEN HERE
18 IN FRONT OF US SEVERAL TIMES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE HOW WE
19 PREPARE FOR THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, BUT MY CONCERN IS THAT WE
20 HAVE SOME OTHER FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY THAT HAVE VERY
21 SIGNIFICANT NEEDS. AND YOU CAN'T PREPARE FOR A.C.A. AND THE
22 CHANGING OF OUR DYNAMICS WITH 35-YEAR-OLD EQUIPMENT. SO DR.
23 KATZ ASSURED ME THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE MAKING A SURVEY OF
24 THE VARIOUS PIECES OF EQUIPMENT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY
25 SYSTEM. AND SO I'M OKAY. AND I'M READY TO PROCEED ON 29.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
3 KNABE. YOUR CONCERNS ARE SIMILAR TO MINE. I AM SUPPORTIVE OF
4 THIS PARTICULAR ITEM, BUT I HAVE A QUESTION FOR D.H.S. AND THE
5 C.E.O. IN RESPONSE TO MY FEBRUARY 5TH MOTION, THE DEPARTMENT
6 PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HOW EQUIPMENT PLACEMENT DECISIONS ARE
7 CURRENTLY MADE. I UNDERSTAND THAT D.H.S. IS CURRENTLY CREATING
8 A CATALOG OF ALL EQUIPMENT, CURRENT MAINTENANCE NEEDS AS WELL
9 AS EXPECT THIS REPORT TO BE DONE IN MAY. BUT HAVING
10 ESTABLISHED THAT, I WANT TO ASK A QUESTION: AM I CORRECT THAT
11 THE MAY REPORT WILL INCLUDE A NEWLY PROPOSED STRATEGIC MEDICAL
12 EQUIPMENT POLICY THAT GOES IN PART TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S
13 CONCERNS THAT WOULD PRIORITIZE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REPAIRS,
14 LEASES, PURCHASES ON THE BASIS OF COUNTYWIDE NEEDS? THOSE
15 NEEDS GO TO PATIENT DEMAND. THEY GO TO THE QUESTION OF SYSTEM
16 CAPACITY. AND WHERE WE WANT THE SYSTEM TO BE IN A POST-REFORM
17 CONTEXT. PERHAPS YOU CAN ADDRESS THAT.

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19 **ANISH MAHAJAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS ANISH
20 MAHAJAN, DIRECTOR OF SYSTEM PLANNING AT D.H.S. I WANT TO THANK
21 BOTH SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ABOUT OUR
22 CAPITAL ASSETS AT D.H.S. SPECIFICALLY ON THE ISSUE OF
23 PRIORITIZING STRATEGICALLY THE REPLACEMENT OF CAPITAL ASSETS
24 IN THE REPORT THAT'S UPCOMING, IT IS CORRECT THAT OUR GOAL IS
25 TO TRY AND UNDERSTAND OUR REQUIREMENTS AS THEY WOULD PRESENT



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1 THEMSELVES IN A POST HEALTHCARE REFORM PERIOD. AND SO WHAT WE
2 ARE DOING IS A SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF ALL OF OUR CAPITAL
3 ASSETS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR USABILITY IS AS THEY CURRENTLY
4 STAND ALONG WITH WHAT THE NEEDS ARE GOING TO BE IN THAT POST
5 HEALTH CARE REFORM ENVIRONMENT. AND SO THAT PROCESS IS ONGOING
6 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO COMING BACK TO YOU TO REPORT ON THAT.
7 AS FAR AS THE RADIOLOGY EQUIPMENT GOES --

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SERGEANT, IF YOU COULD HELP
10 MANAGE THE VOLUME, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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12 **ANISH MAHAJAN:** AS FAR AS THE RADIOLOGY EQUIPMENT GOES, AS YOU
13 WELL KNOW, RADIOLOGY IS ONE TYPE OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL
14 ASSET AMONG MANY THAT D.H.S. NEEDS TO ADDRESS AND BRING UP-TO-
15 DATE. THESE, THE EQUIPMENT THAT WE HAVE, ALL KINDS OF
16 EQUIPMENT THAT WE HAVE, FROM THE PHONE SYSTEM, FROM X-RAYS,
17 FROM JUST THE GENERAL PATIENT WAITING AREAS, WE HAVE PLACES
18 WHERE WE FEED TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS. SO THE REPORT THAT WILL
19 COME FORWARD IN MAY WILL REFLECT WHAT WE BELIEVE ARE THE
20 HIGHEST PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE REQUIRED. WHEN IT COMES
21 TO RADIOLOGY SPECIFICALLY, THE DEPARTMENT IS IN THE MIDST OF
22 CREATING A NEW PROCESS FOR PRIORITIZING ROUTINE REPLACEMENT OF
23 OUTDATED RADIOLOGY EQUIPMENT. THE DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED A
24 TWO-MONTH INTENSIVE PROCESS BY WHICH WE HAVE NOW LOOKED AT ALL
25 OF OUR EXISTING RADIOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND LOOKED TO SEE WHETHER



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1 IT HAS REACHED ITS USEFUL LIFE OR NOT BASED UPON MANUFACTURER
2 RECOMMENDATION. SO WE NOW HAVE A MASTER LIST OF EVERY PIECE OF
3 RADIOLOGY EQUIPMENT, AND WE'RE ABLE TO LOOK AND SEE WHICH
4 EQUIPMENT IS OF HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR REPLACEMENT. WE'RE
5 JUDGING THAT BASED ON THE EQUIPMENT THAT'S THE OLDEST. AND SO
6 THE EQUIPMENT THAT'S THE OLDEST IS WHAT'S GOING TO BE REPLACED
7 FIRST.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD I FOLLOW-UP?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE, SUPERVISOR.

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT. MY CONCERN IS
14 SOMETIMES WE GET INVOLVED IN THE VOLUME VERSUS AGE. PART OF
15 THE VOLUME'S DICTATED BY THE FACT THAT IF YOUR EQUIPMENT'S
16 BROKEN, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE THE VOLUME. AND SOME OF OUR
17 PATIENTS ARE BEING REFERRED TO OTHER FACILITIES, SO THAT'S WHY
18 THE VOLUME PEAKS AT THESE OTHER FACILITIES. LONG BEACH _____
19 FOR EXAMPLE, THAT PIECE OF EQUIPMENT IS DOWN ALL THE TIME SO
20 THEY GET REFERRED TO OTHER FACILITIES. SO I THINK SOME COMMON
21 SENSE APPROACH IN THIS PRIORITIZING NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE, AS
22 WELL, NOT JUST THE AGE. BUT THE FACT IS: THE VOLUME'S DICTATED
23 SOMETIMES BY BROKEN EQUIPMENT.

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1 **ANISH MAHAJAN:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THAT'S A VERY GOOD POINT.
2 YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. AND SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE
3 SHOULD AND WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AS WE THINK ABOUT THE
4 PRIORITY LIST. THE LONG BEACH EQUIPMENT YOU MENTIONED
5 SPECIFICALLY IS THE HIGHEST ON THE LIST SINCE IT'S ONE OF THE
6 OLDEST PIECES OF EQUIPMENT WE HAVE.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE NOTE THAT IT WAS BUILT IN
9 1977.

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11 **ANISH MAHAJAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT SEEMS TO ME THERE OUGHT TO
14 BE A REASONABLY OBJECTIVE STANDARD OR CRITERIA BY WHICH
15 REPLACEMENTS ARE MADE. IN THE MAY REPORT PURSUANT TO THE
16 MOTION THAT WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, WE NEED TO
17 SEE THAT IN THE CLEAREST POSSIBLE WAY.

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19 **ANISH MAHAJAN:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS
22 ON THIS ITEM? MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IF THERE'S NO OTHER QUESTIONS, THE
25 ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE
3 MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO
4 OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON 62 AND 63 [INAUDIBLE].

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 62 AND 63
11 ARE BEFORE US PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR
12 YAROSLAVSKY.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS ON THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE
15 ELECTIONS?

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR
18 ANTONOVICH ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THIS? THE ITEM'S BEEN
19 MOVED. IT IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
20 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. THE RECORD REFLECTS THAT I AM
21 ABSTAINING ON THE ITEM.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CALL THE ROLL.

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL CALL THE ROLL.



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR
3 YAROSLAVSKY?

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

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7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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9 **SUP KNABE:** AYE

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M ABSTAINING ON THE ITEM.

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THIS WOULD BE THE SAME VOTE
20 FOR 63, OR WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO CALL THE ROLL?

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SAME FOR ME.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** DUE TO THE FACT THEY ARE THE
25 SAME.



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO, BOTH ITEMS FAIL TO CARRY.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT ITEM BEFORE US.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE COULD GO TO EITHER
7 77-D, SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS HOLDING THAT ITEM OR WE COULD GO TO
8 THE SET ITEM.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE. IF YOU'RE
11 READY, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE CAN GO TO 77; IF NOT, WE CAN GO
12 TO THE NEXT ITEM. ALL RIGHT TO THE SET ITEM. ALL RIGHT. THANK
13 YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S BEFORE US. SET ITEM. DR. FIELDING IS HERE
14 AND STAFF TO PRESENT. DR. FIELDING, THUS A COMMAND
15 PERFORMANCE, I PRESUME. WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE MAY
16 PROCEED AT THIS POINT IN TIME. SIR?

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18 **DON FROELICH:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS DON FROELICH AND I'M
19 WITH THE CITY OF GLENDALE DEPARTMENT OF WATER POWER. MR.
20 CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS. IT'S A PLEASURE FOR US TO BE BACK HERE
21 AGAIN AFTER A FEW MONTHS. WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION
22 WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU. BUT BY WAY OF BACKGROUND
23 INFORMATION, THE HEXAVALENT CHROME ISSUE IS AN OUTGROWTH OF
24 THE YEAR 2000 MOVIE "ERIN BROCKOVICH" AND YOU MIGHT RECALL
25 DURING THAT MOVIE THERE WAS GREAT DISCUSSION ON THE HEALTH



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1 EFFECTS OF LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM IN
2 DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES. AND I'M CERTAIN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
3 REMEMBERS ERIN BROCKOVICH IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY THE LARGE
4 PORTION OF THE YEAR 2000 GAINING GREAT PUBLIC CONCERN AND
5 CAUSING GREAT PUBLIC CONCERN WITH HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM IN WATER
6 SUPPLIES. THE CITY OF GLENDALE WAS THE FOCAL POINT BECAUSE WE
7 WERE GOING TO USE THE WATER SUPPLY THAT HAD SLIGHTLY ELEVATED
8 LEVELS OF HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM IN ITS WATER SUPPLY. AND THE
9 OUTGROWTH OF THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF A MAJOR RESEARCH
10 PROJECT TO DEVELOP THE TECHNOLOGIES TO REMOVE HEXAVALANT
11 CHROMIUM FROM WATER SUPPLIES. IT WAS A THREE-PHASED EFFORT.
12 AND WE REACHED A MILESTONE IN THE RESEARCH AFTER 11 YEARS AND
13 THE EXPENDITURE OF CLOSE TO NINE MILLION DOLLARS TO DEVELOP
14 THIS TECHNOLOGY. AND WE'RE PREPARED HERE TODAY TO REPORT TO
15 YOU ON A REPORT THAT WE RECENTLY GAVE TO THE CALIFORNIA
16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE U.S. E.P.A. THAT THEY CAN
17 USE AS PART OF THEIR EFFORTS TO SET DRINKING WATER STANDARDS
18 FOR HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM IN WATER SUPPLIES. JOINING ME AT THE
19 TABLE WE HAVE RAMON ABUEG WHO IS THE CHIEF ASSISTANT GENERAL
20 MANAGER AT WATER AND POWER, AND ALSO NEXT TO ME IS NICOLE, DR.
21 NICOLE BLUTE WHO'S BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS RESEARCH EFFORT FOR
22 THE PAST 10 YEARS TO PRESENT TO YOU HER FINDINGS THAT WE'VE
23 RECENTLY GIVEN TO THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS. DR.
24 BLUTE?

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1 **DR. NICOLE BLUTE:** THANK YOU, DON. MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS. I
2 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND PRESENT THESE FINDINGS
3 TODAY FROM A DECADE WORTH OF WORK FOR THE CITY OF GLENDALE.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** A DECADE.

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7 **DR. NICOLE BLUTE:** FIRST OF ALL, THE OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH
8 PROGRAM IN ITS ENTIRETY WERE TO IDENTIFY EFFECTIVE TREATMENT
9 TECHNOLOGIES FOR REMOVING CHROMIUM FROM DRINKING WATER SOURCES
10 AND THEN TO DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL COST IMPACT OF
11 IMPLEMENTING THOSE TECHNOLOGIES. THE UNDERLYING OBJECTIVE OF
12 THE WHOLE PROJECT WAS TO PROVIDE THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
13 PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE U.S. E.P.A. WITH INFORMATION THEY COULD
14 USE TO FORM A SCIENTIFICALLY SOUND FOUNDATION ON WHICH THEY
15 CAN ACTUALLY ESTABLISH THEIR NEW REGULATORY LIMITS OF M.C.L.
16 MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL FOR HEXVALENT CHROMIUM IN DRINKING
17 WATER. TO GIVE A LITTLE PERSPECTIVE OF WHERE OUR CURRENT
18 CHROMIUM REGULATIONS ARE AND CURRENT GOALS IN SOME
19 COMMUNITIES, THE FEDERAL TOTAL CHROMIUM M.C.L. CHROMIUM IS
20 REGULATED AS TOTAL CHROMIUM, CHROME 3 PLUS CHROME 6 AT A LEVEL
21 OF 100 PARTS PER BILLION, MICROGRAMS PER LITER. THE CALIFORNIA
22 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS SET A LOWER STANDARD OF 50
23 P.P.B. BY COMPARISON, THE BOTTLED WATER IS 100 P.P.B. IN THE
24 COUNTRY. THE CITY OF GLENDALE BACK IN THE YEAR 2000, THE CITY
25 COUNCIL ESTABLISHED A TREATMENT GOAL OF FIVE PARTS PER BILLION



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1 IN THE ABSENCE OF A REGULATION AT THAT POINT IN TIME FOR
2 HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM, THE MORE TOXIC SPECIES. FOR THE RESEARCH
3 PROGRAM, THE TESTING GOAL THAT WAS USED WAS TO LOOK AT WHETHER
4 WE COULD GET BELOW ONE PART PER BILLION. AND THAT WAS THE
5 RESEARCH OBJECTIVE. AND IT WAS ALSO ONE OF THE DETECTION
6 LIMITS AT THE TIME THAT THE RESEARCH BEGAN. AND THEN THE
7 CALIFORNIA CHROMIUM 6 PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL WAS RELEASED IN THE
8 YEAR 2011. AND THAT CAME OUT AT .02 PARTS PER BILLION. JUST TO
9 RECAP A PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL VERSUS A MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL,
10 THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ESTABLISHMENT
11 ESTABLISHES PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS WHICH ARE NOT USED TO INDICATE
12 WHAT THE SAFE LEVEL OF EXPOSURE TO A CHEMICAL BUT INSTEAD IT
13 PROVIDES AN ESTIMATE OF A ONE IN A MILLION LIFETIME RISK OF
14 ELEVATED LIFETIME RISK OF CANCER FROM THAT CHEMICAL. SO, FOR
15 EVERY MILLION PEOPLE WHO DRINK TAP WATER WITH THAT LEVEL OF
16 CHROMIUM 6 EACH DAY FOR 70 YEARS THERE WOULD LIKELY BE ONE
17 ADDITIONAL CASE OF CANCER IN THAT CASE. SO THEN C.D.P.H. TAKES
18 THIS PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL, WHICH IS NOT A REGULATORY STANDARD,
19 AND USES IT TO SET THE REGULATORY STANDARD, THE M.C.L. AND
20 THEY TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL AS WELL AS
21 WHAT IS ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE AND WHAT IS TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE
22 BY EXISTING TECHNOLOGIES. TO GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF A PUBLIC
23 HEALTH GOAL VERSUS AN M.C.L., ARSENIC HAS A PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL
24 OF 0.004 PARTS PER BILLION BUT YET AN M.C.L. OF 10 PARTS PER
25 BILLION AS A RESULT OF THE TECHNOLOGICALLY FEASIBLE AND COST



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1 ISSUES THAT I MENTIONED. HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM BY COMPARISON HAS
2 A PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL 5 TIMES THAT OF ARSENIC AND THE M.C.L. IS
3 YET TO BE DETERMINED AND THE DRAFT M.C.L. IS EXPECTED IN JULY
4 OF 2013. JUST SOME OF THE LEADING TECHNOLOGIES FOR HEXAVALENT
5 CHROMIUM REMOVAL THAT HAVE BEEN TESTED IN THIS WORK REALLY
6 FALL INTO THREE CATEGORIES: ANION EXCHANGE, WEAK BASE OR
7 STRONG BASE, REDUCTION COAGULATION FILTRATION, AND MEMBRANE
8 FILTRATION SUCH AS NANOFILTRATION AND REVERSE OSMOSIS. YOU CAN
9 SEE HERE SOME PICTURES OF THESE DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGIES. I'LL
10 FOCUS ON TWO IN PARTICULAR THAT WERE TESTED AT THE CITY OF
11 GLENDALE AND THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN OPERATION SERVING PORTABLE
12 WATER TO THE PUBLIC. THE WEAK BASE ANION EXCHANGE OR W.B.A.
13 TECHNOLOGY BASICALLY ADJUSTS THE PH OF THE WATER DOWNWARD. WE
14 HAVE BAG FILTERS TO PROTECT THE RESIN BEDS. RESIN VESSELS
15 THROUGH WHICH THE WATER FLOWS. AND THEN YOU NEED A LITTLE BIT
16 OF POST TREATMENT OR AERATION PROCESS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE
17 WATER STABLE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SO THAT IT DOESN'T
18 PULL THINGS OUT OF THE PIPES. THIS IS A PHOTO OF THE
19 INSTALLATION AT THE CITY OF GLENDALE. IT'S 425 GALLONS PER
20 MINUTE OF WATER FLOW. IT'S THE TREATMENT OF ONE ENTIRE WELL,
21 WELL GS3. AND IT'S BEEN IN OPERATION FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS.
22 BUT AFTER ABOUT ONE YEAR, YOU DO HAVE TO REPLACE THE RESIN IN
23 ONE OF THE VESSELS. IT DOES CONTINUE TO OPERATE AND HAS BEEN
24 VERY EFFECTIVE. THE REDUCTION COAGULATION FILTRATION PROCESS,
25 THIS IS AN IMAGE OF THIS PROCESS, WHICH HAS A LARGER FOOTPRINT



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1 FOR A SMALLER FLOW RATE. 100 GALLONS PER MINUTE, THIS IS THE
2 SIZE OF THE SYSTEM. IT IS TREATING -- PARTIALLY TREATING ONE
3 OF THE WELLS THAT FEEDS THE GLENDALE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.
4 AND THE OPERATIONS WE FOUND WERE MUCH MORE LABOR INTENSIVE
5 THAN THE WEAK BASE ANION EXCHANGE TREATMENT. THIS FACILITY WAS
6 SHUT DOWN IN LATE 2012 AFTER THE RESEARCH WAS COMPLETE. IN
7 GENERAL, BOTH TECHNOLOGIES ARE EFFECTIVELY REMOVING HEXAVALENT
8 CHROMIUM. THE MAJOR ISSUE IS THE COST OF TREATMENT AND HOW LOW
9 YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE IN TERMS OF TREATMENT. THIS SHOWS AN
10 EXAMPLE OF SEVERAL DIFFERENT FLOW RATES RANGING FROM 10
11 GALLONS PER MINUTE, WHICH IS TYPICAL OF VERY SMALL SYSTEMS, OR
12 EVEN A HOUSEHOLD TYPE OF TREATMENT SYSTEM ALL THE WAY UP TO
13 2,000 GALLONS PER MINUTE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CITY OF GLENDALE'S
14 WELLS ARE ABOUT 500 TO 1,000 GALLONS PER MINUTE. AND THIS
15 SHOWS THE DOLLARS PER ACRE FOOT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT
16 PROCESS. AND IT SHOWS IT AS A FUNCTION OF POTENTIAL M.C.L.S
17 RANGING HERE FROM 1 TO 25 PARTS PER BILLION. AND YOU CAN SEE,
18 FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE 2000 GALLONS A MINUTE SYSTEM, WE RANGE
19 FROM ABOUT 500 TO 703 DOLLARS PER ACRE FOOT DEPENDING UPON
20 WHERE THAT TREATMENT GOAL END POINT IS. NOW, THAT WAS FOR THE
21 WEAK BASE ANION EXCHANGE PROCESS. FOR THE COAGULATION
22 FILTRATION PROCESS, YOU BASICALLY SEE A SIMILAR PATTERN ONLY
23 IT'S A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT WHERE THE INFLUENT IS REAL AT THIS
24 KEY DRIVER FOR THE TECHNOLOGY. BUT THEN AGAIN IF YOU LOOK AT
25 THE 2,000 GALLONS PER MINUTE CASE, IT'S ABOUT THE SAME RANGE



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1 FROM 489 TO 697 DOLLARS PER ACRE FOOT. NOW TO PUT THAT IN
2 PERSPECTIVE, METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN
3 CALIFORNIA TIER 1 WATER CURRENTLY COSTS \$847 PER ACRE FOOT. SO
4 YOU CAN SEE FOR A 500 GALLON PER MINUTE SYSTEM OR A 2,000
5 GALLON PER MINUTE SYSTEM THAT CAN START TO PENCIL OUT IN TERMS
6 OF BEING COST-EFFECTIVE TO USE THAT GROUND WATER SOURCE FOR
7 BOTH THE WEAK BASE AND THE REDUCTION COAGULATION FILTRATION
8 PROCESS. WHEN YOU GET TO SMALLER FLOWS, THE INCREMENTAL COST
9 IS HIGHER. AND THAT CONSIDERS TREATMENT ON A DOLLARS PER ACRE
10 FOOT BASIS WHICH INCLUDES 20 YEARS OF OPERATING COSTS, THE NET
11 PRESENT VALUE AND THE CAPITAL. NOW, IF YOU JUST EXTRACT THE
12 CAPITAL EXPEND THE YOURS, YOU CAN SEE HERE THAT FOR A 2,000
13 GALLON PER MINUTE SYSTEM, SAY, YOU ARE LOOKING AT A SPENDITURE
14 OF ABOUT EIGHT TO NINE MILLION DOLLARS FOR EITHER TYPE OF
15 SYSTEM. IN CONCLUSION, THE FINAL PROJECT REPORT WAS DELIVERED
16 TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON FEBRUARY
17 28TH, AND IT DOES CONTAIN DETAILED, TECHNICAL AND COST
18 INFORMATION FOR HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM REMOVAL. THIS IS A
19 CRITICAL COMPONENT THAT WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BY
20 THE STATE AS THEY SET THEIR M.C.L. FOR CHROME 6. THE OTHER
21 CONCLUSION IS THAT THESE TECHNOLOGIES WERE FOUND TO BE
22 EFFECTIVE, BUT THE COST DOES HINGE ON THE CONCENTRATION OF
23 CHROMIUM THAT'S TARGETED. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.
24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
2 PRESENTATION. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS? DR. FIELDING?

3

4 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** NO, I THINK IT'S A VERY THOUGHTFUL AND
5 EXTENSIVE STUDY. AND I THINK GLENDALE SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR
6 UNDERTAKING THIS BECAUSE I THINK IT REALLY ADDS A LOT TO WHAT
7 WE KNOW ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES, THE COSTS AND THE TECHNICAL
8 FEASIBILITY.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
11 TEN YEARS' WORTH OF WORK. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR GLENDALE WHAT ARE THE CURRENT LEVELS OF
14 CHROMIUM 6 IN THE WATER THAT'S PROVIDED TO THE CUSTOMERS RIGHT
15 NOW?

16

17 **DON FROELICH:** WELL, THE LEVELS OF CHROMIUM 6 IN THE WATER IN
18 GLENDALE IS POINTED OUT IN THE PRESENTATION, COUNCIL HAS SET A
19 GOAL OF 5 PARTS PER BILLION. AND WHEN THE WATER FIRST ENTERS
20 THE SYSTEM, IT'S PROBABLY PRETTY CLOSE TO THAT CONCENTRATION.
21 BUT IT QUICKLY IS REDUCED AS IT GOES FURTHER OUT INTO THE
22 SYSTEM AND WE BLEND IT WITH OTHER WATERS.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE CURRENT STATE PUBLIC HEALTH
25 GOAL IS BELOW THE LEVELS IN YOUR REPORT. BASED UPON THE DATA



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1 YOU HAVE DEVELOPED, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE FINAL MAXIMUM
2 CONTAINMENT LEVELS TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE WILL BE
3 CLOSE TO THAT GOAL?

4

5 **DON FROELICH:** IT'S A WORK IN PROGRESS. THEY'RE IN THE
6 EVALUATION PROCESS RIGHT NOW. THEY CERTAINLY HAVE THE P.H.G.
7 THEY HAVE THE INFORMATION IN OUR REPORT. AND THEY HAVE TO GO
8 THROUGH THEIR FORMAL EVALUATION PROCESS TO SET THE M.C.L.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THAT TIMELINE FOR THE STATE TO
11 ESTABLISH THIS MAXIMUM?

12

13 **DON FROELICH:** THE DRAFT SHOULD BE RELEASED THIS SUMMER AND
14 PROBABLY BE ANOTHER TWO YEARS AFTER THAT BEFORE WE GET A FINAL
15 M.C.L.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY WASN'T THE WORK COMPLETED AS PART OF YOUR
18 INITIAL STUDY IN THE REMOVAL METHODS IN PHASE 3B?

19

20 **DON FROELICH:** WE DID SUBMIT WHAT WE CALL A PROJECT REPORT TO
21 THE STATE IN FEBRUARY, BUT WE ALSO MENTIONED TO THEMSELVES
22 RESEARCH WORK CONTINUING ON PHASE 3B. THAT SHOULD BE COMPLETED
23 BY PROBABLY THE FALL OF THIS YEAR, AND WE WILL PUT OUT A
24 SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT. WE FEEL THAT EVEN WITH THAT INFORMATION,



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1 IT SHOULD NOT ALTER THEIR EVALUATION PROCESS THAT THEY'RE
2 WORKING ON RIGHT NOW.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE STATE HAS INCOMPLETE
5 INFORMATION AND WILL DELAY ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM CONTAINMENT
6 LEVELS?

7

8 **DON FROELICH:** NO WE FEEL THAT THE INFORMATION THAT NICOLE
9 PRESENTED THAT WAS INCL YOU HAD IN THAT REPORT IS MORE THAN
10 ADEQUATE FOR THEIR EVALUATION PROCESS. SO OUR RESEARCH WORK IS
11 NOT DELAYING OR ALTERING ANY OF THE EVALUATIONS THAT ARE IN
12 OUR PROJECT REPORT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND GIVEN THE OPERATING AND INVESTMENT COST
15 FOR THE METHOD YOU TESTED, ARE THEY REALISTIC OPTIONS FOR
16 CHROMIUM 6 REMOVAL BY WATER DISTRICTS?

17

18 **DON FROELICH:** THAT'S AN IMPORTANT QUESTION. IT'S A CASE-BY-
19 CASE BASIS. AND TO A LARGE EXTENT IT'S GOING TO BE BASED UPON
20 WHAT THE EVENTUAL M.C.L. IS. WHAT WE ANTICIPATE IS FOR MOST
21 MUNICIPALITIES, IT'S NOT A QUESTION THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE
22 TO HAVE CHROMIUM REMOVAL FOR ALL OF THEIR WATER SUPPLIES. THEY
23 MAY HAVE 10 WELLS AND MAYBE ONE OF THEM REQUIRES REMOVAL. IN
24 THE CASE OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, WE HAVE EIGHT WELLS. AND



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1 MOST LIKELY WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE CHROMIUM REMOVAL ON EITHER 1
2 OR 2. AGAIN DEPENDING UPON THE EVENTUAL M.C.L.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE LA CRESCENTA AREA, IS THAT WATER
5 CONTAMINATED?

6

7 **DON FROELICH:** I'M NOT AWARE OF THAT AS FAR AS I KNOW IT IS
8 NOT. AND THEY DO NOT HAVE A CHROMIUM -- THEY MAY HAVE OTHER
9 ISSUES BUT THEY DON'T HAVE HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE AEROSPACE WAS NOT IN THAT AREA.

12

13 **DON FROELICH:** NO COMMENT.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD IMPORTING CLEAN WATER BE LESS COSTLY?

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17 **DON FROELICH:** AS FAR AS IMPORTING WATER, WE KNOW THAT OUR
18 IMPORTED WATER SUPPLIES FROM THE STATE WATER PROJECT AND THE
19 COLORADO RIVER ARE BEING CHALLENGED VERY SIGNIFICANTLY. AND
20 IT'S CRITICAL THAT LOCAL WATER AGENCIES BE ABLE TO MAXIMIZE
21 THEIR USE OF THEIR LOCAL RESOURCES, WHICH MEANS THAT IF THEY
22 HAVE HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM THAT EXCEEDS THE M.C.L., IT'S
23 CRITICAL THAT THEY DO REMOVE IT LOCALLY.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ABOUT WATER FROM PRIVATE WATER
2 CONTRACTORS?

3

4 **DON FROELICH:** WHEN YOU SAY "PRIVATE"?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOT FROM THE STATE, BUT I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE
7 A NUMBER OF PRIVATE WATER CONTRACTORS WHO CONTROL THE WATER?

8

9 **DON FROELICH:** ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT THE PROPOSAL TO TAKE
10 WATER FROM ALONG THE COLORADO RIVER AQUEDUCT?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OR THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PRIVATE ENTITIES
13 THAT CONTROL WATER THAT IS NOT FROM THE COLORADO, I'VE BEEN
14 TOLD

15

16 **DON FROELICH:** YOU MEAN OUTSIDE OF THE COASTAL AREA?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PROBABLY.

19

20 **DON FROELICH:** ARE YOU THINKING POSSIBLY THE CADIZ PROJECT?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW THERE'S PRIVATE WATER, IMPERIAL,
23 CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, FROM THEIRS?

24



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1 **DON FROELICH:** WELL, THE CADIZ PROJECT WHICH WOULD TAKE DESERT
2 GROUND WATER AND PUT IT INTO THE COLORADO RIVER AQUEDUCT IS
3 ONE PROPOSAL THAT'S OUT THERE RIGHT NOW.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THAT HAVE CHROMIUM 6?

6

7 **DON FROELICH:** THEY RECOGNIZE THAT CHROMIUM IS AN ISSUE. IF
8 THEY WANT TO PUT IT INTO THE COLORADO RIVER AQUEDUCT, THEY
9 KNOW THEY WILL HAVE TO REMOVE THE HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT AS FAR AS INPUT PRIOR TO -- LET'S SAY
12 BRINGING IN PRIVATE WATER, IS THAT CHEAPER OR MORE EXPENSIVE?
13 BRINGING IN CLEAN WATER.

14

15 **DON FROELICH:** ARE YOU THINKING IN TERMS OF MAYBE ADDITIONAL
16 WATER SUPPLIES FROM THE STATE WATER PROJECT?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, RIGHT.

19

20 **DON FROELICH:** IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THOSE COSTS ARE. AS YOU CAN
21 PROBABLY SEE FROM ONE OF DR. BLUTE'S PRESENTATION, TO CLEAN UP
22 OUR LOCAL WATER COULD EXCEED THE COST OF IMPORTED M.W.D.

23 WATER. BUT IT'S ON THE BORDERLINE RIGHT NOW. HOPEFULLY THE

24 FACILITIES THAT WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED TO REMOVE THE HEXAVALENT



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1 CHROMIUM WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME PRESSURES AS M.W.D.
2 HAS WITH THE EVER INCREASING COSTS OF THEIR WATERS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THERE'S NO METHOD TO REMOVE CHROMIUM 6
5 ONE HUNDRED PERCENT REMOVAL OF CHROMIUM 6 FROM YOUR WATER
6 SUPPLY?

7

8 **DON FROELICH:** IT APPEARS THAT THAT'S THE SITUATION. OUR TARGET
9 WAS DOWN TO -- BASED UPON A REQUEST FROM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
10 OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS THEY ASKED THAT WE LOOK AT COSTS DOWN TO
11 ONE PART PER BILLION. AND IF THE M.C.L. IS BELOW THAT, YOU
12 COULD SEE HOW THAT SIGNIFICANT -- COULD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE
13 THE COSTS OF REMOVING HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM, PLUS IT WOULD MEAN
14 MORE AND MORE UTILITIES WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THAT PROCESS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PURPOSES, WOULD THAT
17 COST NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO ENSURE PUBLIC HEALTH?

18

19 **DON FROELICH:** IT POTENTIALLY COULD. I MEAN IF THE M.C.L. WAS
20 SET AT THE P.H.G., IT WOULD ALMOST BE AN IMPOSSIBLE LEVEL TO
21 REACH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO IMPORT WATER.

24

25 **DON FROELICH:** FOR SURE, YES.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO WE DEVELOP THIS ON A PARALLEL TRACK IN
3 CASE WE HAVE TO DO THAT? YOU DON'T START FROM SCRATCH?

4

5 **DON FROELICH:** NO. WELL, OUR CHARGE FROM THE STATE WAS TO
6 EVALUATE DOWN TO ONE PART PER BILLION. AND WE ASKED THEM ABOUT
7 GOING EVEN LOWER, AND THEY SAID NO. FOR THE PURPOSES OF OUR
8 WORK, STOP IT AT ONE PART.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW LONG HAS THE STATE MADE THAT PROPOSAL

11

12 **DON FROELICH:** IT WAS BASED ON A MEETING THAT WE HAD WITH THEM
13 GOING BACK ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO AS WE WERE FINALIZING
14 OUR EFFORT, WE ASKED THEM TO WHAT EXTENT YOU WANTED US TO
15 DEVELOP THE COST INFORMATION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND PRIOR TO A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, WHAT WAS
18 THEIR LEVEL?

19

20 **DON FROELICH:** WELL, WHEN WE FIRST -- THE TARGET, WHEN WE
21 STARTED THE RESEARCH WAS FIVE PARTS PER BILLION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIVE PARTS AND NOW IT'S COME DOWN TO ONE
24 PART.

25



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1 **DON FROELICH:** OUR TARGET'S MOVED DOWN TO ONE, YES.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEY ANTICIPATE YOU REACHING THAT LEVEL
4 WHEN? DID THEY GIVE YOU A TIMELINE TO REACH THAT LEVEL?

5

6 **DON FROELICH:** WELL, THE RESEARCH WORK IS ESSENTIALLY WE'VE
7 COMPLETED OUR DOWN TO THE ONE PART PER BILLION. AND WE'LL
8 FINALIZE OUR RESEARCH WORK WITH THAT ASSUMPTION.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WILL BE THIS YEAR.

11

12 **DON FROELICH:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT THE DECEMBER?

15

16 **DON FROELICH:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DR. FIELDING, WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF
19 THE CITY'S FINDINGS TO DATE?

20

21 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I THINK IT'S A WELL-DONE SERIES OF
22 STUDIES. OF COURSE, YOU ALWAYS WANT TO MINIMIZE THE RISK. AND
23 THAT HAS TO BE BALANCED WITH THE COST OF THE TECHNICAL
24 FEASIBILITY. FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES, WE BREATHE THE AIR IN
25 OUR COUNTY AND THAT INCREASES THE RISK BY 100 TO 1,200



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1 ADDITIONAL CASES OF CANCERS PER 1 MILLION RESIDENTS. SO HERE
2 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 1 AT .02, MAYBE AS MUCH AS 50 CASES AT 1.
3 ALTHOUGH I MUST SAY THAT THE SCIENCE UNDERGIRDING THE PUBLIC
4 HEALTH GOAL IS NOT AS STRONG AS IT MIGHT BE. AND IT'S NOT
5 BASED ON HUMAN STUDIES. IT'S BASED ON ANIMAL STUDIES. SO THERE
6 ARE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT, AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE STATE WOULD CONSIDER
9 FACTORS OTHER THAN RISK TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN ESTABLISHING
10 THE MAXIMUM CONTAINMENT LEVEL?

11

12 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE ALWAYS LIKE TO MINIMIZE RISK, BUT I
13 THINK THEY HAVE TO CONSIDER WHAT THE COSTS WOULD BE AND WHAT
14 THE TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY WOULD BE. ALL OF THOSE GO INTO THE
15 DETERMINATION OF THE M.C.L. THERE HASN'T BEEN ONE BEFORE, SO
16 I'M GLAD THEY'RE GOING TO COME OUT WITH AT LEAST A PROPOSED
17 ONE SUPPOSEDLY IN IN JULY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE A PROCESS FOR THE PUBLIC TO HAVE
20 INPUT PRIOR TO THE STATE'S FINAL DECISION?

21

22 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YES. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF
23 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THE FINAL DECISION OF
24 THE M.C.L.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT'S CONDUCTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT
2 OF HEALTH?

3

4 **DR. FIELDING:** THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO THEY DO THAT? DO THEY GO TO ALL THE
7 CITIES OR COUNTIES OR HAVE TO GO TO SACRAMENTO, OR WHAT?

8

9 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THERE IS A STANDARD PROCESS WHICH IS
10 MANDATED AT A MINIMUM WHICH IS OPEN TO COMMENT AND THEY HAVE
11 TO RESPOND TO EVERY COMMENT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT OUTREACH THEY
12 WERE PLANNING, SUPERVISOR.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO THANK THE CITY OF GLENDALE AND
15 PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THEIR INPUT ON THIS ISSUE. IT'S ONE THAT WE
16 HAVE TO FACE IT'S AND ONE THAT HAS TO BE RESOLVED SO THANK YOU
17 VERY MUCH.

18

19 **DON FROELICH:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE
24 OBLIGED TO HEAR THOSE WHO HAVE FILED A REQUEST TO BE HEARD ON
25 S-1 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND ARNOLD SACHS. YES, YOU DID



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1 WAIVE. ARE YOU WAIVING OR COMING FORWARD? ALL RIGHT. ALL

2 RIGHT, MR. SACHS.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. BOY,
5 QUITE THE REPORT. WHAT DOES IT MEAN? YOU SAID THE STATE HEALTH
6 DEPARTMENT SET A LEVEL, THE TARGET WAS 5 PARTS PER BILLION.

7 NOW IT'S 1 PART PER BILLION. AND THEY'VE MET THAT LEVEL. SO

8 THE ITEM SAYS HERE, HOW THE DATA FROM THE STUDY WILL BE USED

9 BY STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR

10 CHROMIUM 6 CONTAINMENT LEVELS. WELL, THE STATE HAS SET A

11 TARGET. THEY LOWERED IT TO 1 PART PER BILLION BEFORE YOU GOT

12 THE DATA. WHAT THE PROJECT WAS, WAS TO SEE IF THOSE STANDARDS

13 COULD BE MET. THEY MET THEM. YOU MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR

14 ANTONOVICH, YOU ALLUDED TO THE SPACE PROGRAM AS PART OF A

15 CAUSE FOR THE CONTAMINATION. SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR LIKE

16 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY? AND THE SANTA SUZANNA AREA WHERE

17 THEY DID HAVE A LOT OF WORK DONE FOR THE SPACE PROGRAM? THAT

18 WATER, IS THAT WATER, WELL WATER USED? I DO BELIEVE YOU'VE HAD

19 PEOPLE HERE BEFORE YOU THAT TALKED ABOUT THE THREAT OF

20 CONTAMINATION TO THE SANTA CLARITA RIVER. WOULD IT BE

21 CONTAMINATED WITH CHROMIUM 6? GOT NO ANSWER. THEN JUST AS A

22 SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT TYPE OF THING, YOU MIGHT HAVE READ ABOUT

23 THIS VERNON PLANT CLOSING OVER TOXINS IN THE GROUND. BEEN IN

24 OPERATION FOR OVER 25 YEARS, WHICH IS 15 YEARS LONGER THAN THE

25 STUDY. HOW CAN THAT BE? COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THEN ON TOP OF



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1 EVERYTHING ELSE, HAS THIS GOT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE FEDERAL
2 CLEAN WATER ACT FROM THE MID-'70S? AND THE REQUIREMENT, WHICH
3 IS WHAT YOU TALKED ABOUT -- WELL, YOU DIDN'T MENTION IN YOUR
4 CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES ACT. BUT THE FACT THAT BY THE END OF
5 THE MID-2020S, CERTAIN FEDERAL STANDARDS WILL HAVE TO BE MET
6 FOR CLEAN WATER, WHICH MEANS YOU ONLY HAVE APPROXIMATELY 15
7 YEARS LEFT. AND KNOWING HOW QUICKLY THE COUNTY MOVES ON ITS
8 PROJECTS, YOU'RE PROBABLY 18 YEARS BEHIND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 TIME, ANSWERS AND ATTENTION.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE ITEM IS
12 BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT WE RECEIVE AND
13 FILE THE MOTION. SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. LET'S MOVE BACK TO
14 ITEM 62. WE WILL RECONSIDER ITEM NUMBER 62 AT THE REQUEST OF
15 COUNTY COUNSEL. MR. KRATTLI.

16

17 **JOHN KRATTLI:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE ELECTION CODE
18 PROVIDES THAT WITH RESPECT TO ITEM 62 [SIC] AND 62 [SIC] THAT
19 A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHALL APPROVE A REQUEST TO CONSOLIDATE
20 ELECTIONS UNLESS THE BOARD MAKES A SPECIFIC FINDING, NAMELY
21 THAT THE BALLOT STYLE, VOTING EQUIPMENT OR COMPUTER CAPACITY
22 IS SUCH THAT ADDITIONAL ELECTIONS OR MATERIALS CANNOT BE
23 HANDLED. IN LIGHT OF THE FAILURE OF ITEMS NUMBER 62 AND 63 TO
24 PASS, I WOULD REQUEST THAT YOUR BOARD MAKE THE FINDING THAT I
25 JUST READ.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS BOTH ON 62 AND 63?

3

4 **JOHN KRATTLI:** THAT IS CORRECT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MOVED. MR. CHAIRMAN.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN SO MOVED AND SECONDED
9 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION ON THE ITEM AS
10 IT'S BEFORE US? MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER? ALL RIGHT. THAT'S
11 FINE. THERE IS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THEN LET'S CALL THE ROLL
12 ON 62 AND 63.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND AGAIN THIS IS --

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE FINDINGS.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IT'S ONLY TO MAKE THE FINDINGS. SO
19 SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** YES.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS?

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AYE.

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7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. MOTION CARRIES FOR BOTH
8 62 AND 63 AND MAKING THE FINDING.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
11 MR. KRATTLI, FOR YOUR INTERVENTION, THEREFORE WE CAN PROCEED
12 TO THE NEXT ITEM. LET'S TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 75. FOLLOWING
13 THAT, WE'LL TAKE UP ITEM UMBER 76 AND THEN ITEM NUMBER 77-D,
14 IN THAT ORDER. ITEM NUMBER 75 IS BEFORE US. PARK FILMING ITEM.
15 IS THERE A PRESENTATION ON THE ITEM? IS THERE STAFF HERE TO
16 ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 75?

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18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE STAFF ALSO JOINING US BUT BASICALLY
19 I'M GOING TO START. WE HAD ISSUED A MEMO ABOUT A MONTH AGO IN
20 AN ATTEMPT TO MODIFY THE FILM FEES IN GRAND PARK. SO AFTER
21 HEARING CONCERNS FROM THE INDUSTRY AND ALSO FROM FILM L.A., WE
22 SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO YOU, PROPOSAL TO YOU REDUCING THE FILM
23 RATES FROM THE ORIGINAL 20,000 PER DAY TO -- THERE'S DIFFERENT
24 CHARGES DEPENDING UPON WHETHER OR NOT IT'S THE WHOLE THREE
25 BLOCKS OR JUST A SINGLE BLOCK. WE ALSO ATTEMPTED TO LOOK AT



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1 MODIFYING THE RENTS EVEN FURTHER AND PUT A PROPOSAL OUT ON THE
2 TABLE THAT WAS UNFORTUNATELY REJECTED. AT THIS POINT IN TIME
3 WE FEEL THAT THE MEMO THAT WE SUBMITTED OF SOMETIME AGO IS THE
4 RIGHT APPROACH. AND WE ASK THAT WE MOVE IT FORWARD NOW.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. FUJIOKA. MEMBERS
7 OF THE BOARD, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE
8 HEARD WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE? ARE THERE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS
9 FOR THE C.E.O. AT THIS POINT PRIOR TO HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF
10 THE PUBLIC? SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ANYTHING AT THIS POINT?
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? KNABE? ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED TO THE
12 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. ADRIAN AN
13 FERNANDEZ. PAUL ADLEY. ARNOLD SACHS. ED DUFFY. SARAH WALSH.
14 YEGHIG KESHISHIAN. AND ERIC PREVEN. YOU MAY PROCEED, MA'AM.

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16 **ADRIANA FERNANDEZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M ADRIANNA
17 FERNANDEZ OF THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION.
18 REPRESENTING MORE THAN 370 BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTY THAT HAVE
19 CREATED OVER 100,000 JOBS. AS YOU KNOW, IT CURRENTLY COSTS
20 20,000 DOLLARS A DAY TO RENT A QUARTER OF GRAND PARK AND
21 80,000 FOR THE ENTIRE EXPANSE BETWEEN THE MUSIC CENTER AND
22 CITY HALL. TO DATE ONLY ONE PRODUCTION HAS RENTED THE
23 FACILITY, WHICH ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY OFFICIALS SAY WOULD
24 OTHERWISE BE AN EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE SITE FOR FILMING. ONLY 51
25 PERCENT OF ALL TELEVISION PILOTS DURING THE 2011-'12



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1 PRODUCTION CYCLE WERE FILMED IN LOS ANGELES DESPITE THE
2 MAJORITY OF TALENT, ENTERTAINMENT COMPANIES AND VENDORS BEING
3 BASED IN THE COUNTY. THIS PROBLEM KNOWN AS RUNAWAY PRODUCTION
4 IS HAPPENING BECAUSE LOS ANGELES NO LONGER ENCOURAGING FILMING
5 IN THE COUNTY. THESE HIGH FILMING FEES ARE JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF
6 ANOTHER DISINCENTIVE. THE LOSS OF FILMING IN THE COUNTY NOT
7 ONLY IMPACTS OUR ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY BUT MANY OTHER
8 BUSINESSES THAT ARE ALSO VITAL TO OUR ECONOMY SUCH AS CATERING
9 COMPANIES, PROP MANUFACTURERS AND SOUND TECHNICIANS. IN ORDER
10 TO PROTECT OUR JOBS IN ONE OF OUR KEY INDUSTRIES WE MUST LOWER
11 THE FEES TO MAKE IT COMPARABLE THE COUNTY'S OTHER PREMIER PARK
12 FACILITIES SUCH AS DESCANSO GARDENS WHICH CHARGES 6,400
13 DOLLARS A DAY. WE URGE YOU TO REDUCE THE GRAND PARK FILMING
14 FEES AND BRING PRODUCTION BACK TO THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND
17 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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19 **PAUL ADLEY:** PAUL ADLEY, PRESIDENT OF FILM L.A., YOUR FILM
20 OFFICE. I BELIEVE THERE ARE TWO ITEMS MERGED TODAY AND I'D
21 LIKE TO BRIEFLY ADDRESS BOTH OF THEM. FIRST THAT ALTHOUGH
22 THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE DOWN FROM THE EXTRAORDINARY 80,000 FOR
23 USE OF THE PARK, WE'RE STILL AT A RATE OVER ITS OLD RATES THAT
24 AT THE MINIMUM IS FIVE TIMES THE OLD NUMBER AND AT THE MAXIMUM
25 30 TIMES THE NUMBER THAT IT USED TO COST TO RENT THIS ENTIRE



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1 PARK. THE FILM INDUSTRY DOES RECOGNIZE IT DOESN'T OWN IT AND
2 WOULDN'T CONTROL IT AND HAS, IN FACT, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR
3 STAFF AND BEFORE THE BOARD TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT BECAUSE
4 IT IS LATE IN THE GAME COMING TO NEED THE PARK, ALL PUBLIC
5 EVENTS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED WOULD OF COURSE HAVE PRIORITY AND,
6 IN FACT, MOST OF THE TIME THE FILM INDUSTRIAL DOESN'T CLOSE
7 THE PARK; IT USES INTERMITTENT PEDESTRIAN CONTROL. ACTUALLY
8 CREATING A REASON FOR PEOPLE TO COME AND WATCH. WE BELIEVE THE
9 NUMBERS FRONT OF YOU STILL ARE GOING TO BE A DISCOURAGEMENT
10 FROM THE FILM INDUSTRY FROM USING THE PARK. AND IF THAT IS THE
11 BALANCE THE BOARD CHOOSES TO TAKE IN PROTECTING THE PARK FOR
12 OTHER USES THEN IT WILL HAVE THAT EFFECT. ON THE SECOND PIECE
13 BEFORE YOU ON THE MODEL FILM ORDINANCE I MENTIONED LAST MONTH
14 THAT ONE OF THE KEY REASONS THIS ORDINANCE WAS REVIEWED AT THE
15 CALIFORNIA FILM COMMISSION WAS TO SEPARATE OUT BEST PRACTICES
16 FROM THE ACTUAL ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS OF A FILM ORDINANCE.
17 THEY REMAIN AS PART OF YOUR ORDINANCE, MEANING THEY CANNOT BE
18 CHANGED WITHOUT COMING BACK BEFORE THE BOARD. SO I WOULD AGAIN
19 REQUEST THAT EITHER YOU SEVER SECTION 7 OR THAT YOU GO ON THE
20 RECORD THAT IT MAY BE ADJUSTED THROUGH THE WORK OF THE C.E.O.
21 AND THE COUNTY'S FILM LIAISON WITH FILM L.A. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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1 **SARA WALSH:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SARAH WALSH
2 AND I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION
3 OF AMERICA AND OUR MEMBER COMPANIES. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT
4 WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY
5 ON A REASONABLE FEE STRUCTURE FOR FILMING AT GRAND PARK. WE
6 CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT SETTING FILM FEES AT OVER 13,000
7 DOLLARS A DAY IN GRAND PARK AND 12,000 AT NIGHT WHEN THE PARK
8 IS CLOSED WILL ACT AS A MAJOR DISINCENTIVE TO PRODUCTION
9 COMPANIES CONSIDERING FILMING IN THE COUNTY, ESPECIALLY AT A
10 TIME WHEN MANY OTHER STATES ARE OFFERING GENEROUS FILMING
11 INCENTIVES. I SHOULD NOTICE THESE ARE ON TOP OF COST RECOVERY
12 CHARGES FOR MAINTENANCE, SECURITY AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. AS
13 M.P.A.A. AND OUR FILM INDUSTRY COLLEAGUES HAVE STATED
14 REPEATEDLY, WE BELIEVE THE FILM FEES FOR GRAND PARK SHOULD BE
15 IN KEEPING WITH THE COUNTY'S OTHER SIMILAR PARK FACILITIES
16 SUCH AS DESCANSO GARDENS AND THE LOS ANGELES ARBORETUM WHERE
17 FEES DO NOT EXCEED 6,400 DOLLARS PER DAY. PROPOSED FEES ARE
18 MORE THAN TWICE THE AMOUNT CHARGED BY OTHER COMPARABLE COUNTY
19 PARKS AND REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE FROM THE FEES
20 CHARGED TO FILM AT THE PARK BEFORE IT WAS REDESIGNED WHICH WAS
21 ABOUT 450 DOLLARS A DAY. WE ARE WELL AWARE OF THE CONCERNS
22 EXPRESSED BY THE BOARD, MUSIC CENTER AND OTHERS ABOUT THE
23 AVAILABILITY OF THE PARK TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. WE HAVE
24 ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION OF DISPLACING OR INTERRUPTING ANY
25 PROGRAMMING AT THE PARK. WE ARE ALSO OPEN TO HAVING A



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1 DISCUSSION ABOUT A CAP ON THE NUMBER OF FILMING DAYS IN ANY
2 GIVEN TIME PERIOD, BUT SO FAR THE COUNTY STAFF SEEMED TO HAVE
3 PREFERRED TO USE HIGH FEES TO LIMIT FILMING RATHER THAN
4 DISCUSS A CAP OF SOME KIND. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE
5 WILL BE A REVIEW OF THE GRAND PARK FILM FEES AFTER THEY HAVE
6 BEEN IN PLACE FOR SIX MONTHS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
7 PARTICIPATING IN ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AT THAT TIME. THANK
8 YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
11 NEXT SPEAKER.

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13 **ED DUFFY:** HI, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS ED DUFFY. I'M
14 BUSINESS AGENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 399. I
15 REPRESENT LOCATION MANAGERS, CASTING DIRECTORS, DRIVERS AND
16 OTHER WORKERS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AND WAS LOCATION
17 MANAGER HERE IN L.A. FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS PRIOR TO THAT. I'M
18 HERE TO OPPOSED GRAND PARK'S FILMING FEES PROPOSAL. THOUGH WE
19 APPRECIATE THE NEW RATE STRUCTURE IT'S STILL NOT CONSISTENT
20 WITH OTHER COUNTY PARK FACILITIES SUCH AS THE ARBORETUM OR
21 DESCONSO GARDENS WHICH WE HAVE FILMED AT WITH CONTINUED
22 SUCCESS FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. THOUGH I TRULY APPRECIATE
23 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. I WANT TO
24 BE CLEAR THAT WE NEVER SUGGESTED THE PARK TO BE FREE. THAT
25 SUGGESTION CAME FROM THE GRAND PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE. BUT



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1 THE IDEA THAT A PARK CAN COST IN EXCESS OF 12,000 DOLLARS TO
2 FILM AND IT DOES NOT INCLUDE LABOR COSTS WHICH CAN BE MANY
3 THOUSANDS MORE WILL PUT THE PARK IN THE SAME POSITION AS THE
4 OTHER COUNTRY FACILITIES RUN BY NONPROFITS SUCH AS THE MUSIC
5 CENTER AND HOLLYWOOD BOWL, ECONOMICALLY UNUSABLE. THE CONCERN
6 THAT THE WORKING PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES AND THE INDUSTRY
7 INFRINGES ON PUBLIC SPACE MAKES NO SENSE TO ME. WE'VE BEEN A
8 PART OF LOS ANGELES BLUEPRINT FOR OVER 100 YEARS. THE FILM
9 INDUSTRY IS PART OF OUR HERITAGE. IF YOU WANT TO PLACE CERTAIN
10 RESTRICTIONS ON ITS USE, FINE. BUT DON'T MAKE IT SO EXPENSIVE
11 THAT IT DISCOURAGES ITS USE ALTOGETHER. I WOULD ASK YOU TO
12 RECONSIDER THE CURRENT FEE PROPOSALS. I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU
13 LOOK AROUND AND SEEM TO THINK THAT FILMING IS FINE AS THE
14 INDUSTRY IS CALIFORNIA IS DOING FINE, BUT IT'S NOT. OUR JOBS
15 ARE ERODING RAPIDLY. INFANT STRUCTURES AND STUDIOS ARE BEING
16 BUILT ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD. SUPPORT COMPANIES
17 ARE CLOSING THEIR DOORS HERE AND MOVING, AS WELL. EVERY MONTH
18 A FEW OF OUR MEMBERS ARE PICKING UP THEIR FAMILIES AND MOVING
19 TO PLACES LIKE GEORGIA AND TO LOUISIANA BECAUSE THEY CAN NO
20 LONGER PROVIDE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES HERE. OBSTACLES LIKE THIS
21 FOR FILMING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JUST KEEP GROWING AT A TIME
22 WHEN ALL THESE DECISIONS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL THEY SEEM TO
23 SOME OF YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I'M HERE BECAUSE WE CARE ABOUT
24 THESE JOBS AND OUR JOBS AND OUR FUTURE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
25 THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,
3 PLEASE.

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5 **YEGHIG KESHISHIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. YEGHIG KESHISHIAN WITH THE
6 CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES
7 REPRESENTING OUR 450 MEMBERS WHICH EMPLOY MORE THAN 350,000
8 INDIVIDUALS ACROSS THE L.A. REGION. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT
9 YOU SET THE FILMING AND EVENT RENTAL RATES AT GRAND PARK AT A
10 REASONABLE LEVEL COMMENSURATE WITH OTHER COUNTY-OWNED PARK
11 FACILITIES. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE MUSIC CENTER'S NEEDS TO
12 COVER THE COSTS THEY INCUR FROM ALLOWING FILMING, WE ALSO
13 APPRECIATE THAT THE PARK'S PRIMARY MISSION IS TO BE OPEN AND
14 ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. AT THE SAME TIME, WHAT BETTER WAY TO
15 PROMOTE THE VISIBILITY OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND ITS NEW
16 ASSET THAN TO FILM TELEVISION AND COMMERCIAL FILM PRODUCTION
17 WHICH AS WE ALL KNOW IS A CORE FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES'S
18 ECONOMY. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO ADOPT A POLICY THAT SENDS A
19 CONSISTENT MESSAGE TO THE FILMING INDUSTRY THAT WE ARE ALL
20 WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP FILMING HERE. WE BELIEVE THAT
21 PRESERVING GRAND PARK'S INTENDED PURPOSE AS A COMMUNITY
22 GATHERING PLACE AND FILMING AT THE PARK ARE NOT MUTUALLY
23 EXCLUSIVE. WE NEED TO BALANCE ALL OF THESE DEMANDS. AND WE
24 BELIEVE THAT THE FILM INDUSTRY IS WILLING TO WORK WITH THE



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1 COUNTY AND GRAND PARK TO STRIKE A REASONABLE COMPROMISE. THANK
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THANK YOU. FINAL SPEAKER.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD MORNING AGAIN, ARNOLD
7 SACHS. MY CONCERN'S DIFFERENT FROM EVERYBODY ELSE'S, WHEN YOU
8 FIRST ANOINTED THIS GRAND AVENUE PARK YOU GAVE THE OVERSIGHT
9 TO THE C.E.O. OF THE COUNTY, MR. FUJIOKA, AND WHO MAY EVER
10 REPLACE HIM IN THE FUTURE, SO THAT WOULD BE IN THE C.E.O.'S
11 BEST INTEREST TO OPERATE THE OVERSIGHT FOR THE GRAND AVENUE
12 PARK. AND YET HERE IN THIS ITEM YOU'RE ALLOWING THE PERFORMING
13 ARTS CENTER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO ADMINISTER THE REVISED
14 RATES. SO WHO GETS THE MONEY? OTHER CONCERNS ARE THE FACT THAT
15 THE GRAND AVENUE PARK, THE MAINTENANCE AND THE TRADEOFF OF THE
16 PARK TO ALLOW THE RELATED COMPANIES AND THE OTHER
17 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE GOING TO BE DOING THE CONSTRUCTION
18 AROUND THE AREA, IT'S LIKE A DOWN PAYMENT. THEY GET TO HOLD
19 ONTO THEIR PROPERTY AND WAIT FOR BETTER ECONOMICS WHILE THEY
20 INVEST 50 MILLION DOLLARS IN A PARK REALLY TURNS OUT TO BE
21 CHUMP CHANGE WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE PRICES FOR THE HIGH-RISE
22 APARTMENT BUILDINGS THEY'RE GOING TO BUILD, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL
23 CONTAIN, ACCORDING TO WHAT'S BEEN MENTIONED, LOW INCOME
24 HOUSING. HOW LOW, WE DON'T KNOW. BUT, REALLY, THE COUNTY
25 ADVOCATES FOR FILM, STATE FILM CREDITS TO ALLOW THE FILMING IN



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1 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IT'S A BASIC PART. IT'S A BASIC
2 NECESSITY. AND YET YOU TURN AROUND AND YOU CHARGE EXORBITANT
3 FEES TO FILM IN L.A. WELL, IF YOU WANT TO ELIMINATE FILMING,
4 THEN DON'T BACK STATE FILM CREDITS AND PEOPLE WON'T FILM IN
5 L.A. IF YOU WANT TO FILM IN L.A. AND YOU BACK STATE FILM
6 CREDITS, THEN MAKE IT COMPARABLE SO THAT PEOPLE CAN FILM IN
7 L.A. AND THEN MY OTHER CONCERNS WITH THIS, AND I'M NOT REALLY
8 TOO WORRIED ABOUT THE FILMING BEING THE CORE POLICY OF THE
9 COUNTY BECAUSE, REALLY, WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH
10 THE PORN INDUSTRY AND THE FACT THAT THAT'S A MAJOR COMPONENT
11 WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT OF FILM REVENUE BASED ON PEOPLE THAT
12 WORK ON THE FILMS, PEOPLE THAT SHOOT AND EDIT AND DO ALL THE
13 BACKGROUND WORK, THOSE PRODUCTIONS PUT PLENTY OF PEOPLE TO
14 WORK AND PUT PLENTY OF FOOD ON PLENTY OF TABLES. NOBODY FROM
15 THE FILM INDUSTRY CAME TO DISCUSS THE REDUCTION, THE IDIOCRACY
16 OF HAVING REQUIRED CONDOMS IN PORN FILMS. BUT MY REAL QUESTION
17 IS HOW DID THIS AREA BECOME, AND I BELIEVE IT'S PART OF BUNKER
18 HILL'S AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT WHEN IT WAS A REDEVELOPMENT
19 PROJECT FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS? THERE'S SOMETHING WITH
20 THE POLITICS THERE.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER,
23 PLEASE.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3.
2 AND I BELIEVE IT WAS LAST WEEK. IT MAY HAVE BEEN THE WEEK
3 BEFORE THAT WE WERE FACING MEDIATION WEEK AND I MUST TELL YOU,
4 THE AMOUNT OF TIME AND ENERGY THAT WE HAVE SPENT ON THIS
5 PARTICULAR PROJECT, OBVIOUSLY IT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR BOTH
6 SIDES, THE INDUSTRY AND THE COUNTY FEELS THAT A MEASURE OF
7 RESPECT AND FINANCIAL REMUNERATION IS CRITICAL FOR THIS
8 EXCITING NEW PIECE OF REAL ESTATE WHERE WE CAN FILM A LITTLE
9 BIT ON. THE PUBLIC IS LOSING, WELL SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
10 ARE CERTAINLY LOSING INTEREST IN THIS CONTINUING AND
11 CONTINUING AND CONTINUING. I TRIED TO SEE WHAT THE CURRENT
12 PROPOSED RATE THAT WE'RE LOOKING TO APPROVE TODAY IS AND I WAS
13 CONFUSED BECAUSE IT WAS AN OLD APRIL 2ND DOCUMENT. SO THERE'S
14 SOME BACK DOOR NEGOTIATING GOING ON, PERHAPS YOU'D EXPECT
15 THAT, BUT THERE IS ABSENT TODAY, UNLESS I MISSED IT, BUT ONE
16 PAGE OF LOOKS TO BE KIND OF REASONABLE. OBVIOUSLY PUTTING SOME
17 RESTRICTIONS ON WHEN AND HOW THE FILMING CAN TAKE PLACE IS
18 EXPECTED AND APPROPRIATE. AND OBVIOUSLY THE FEE CAN'T BE
19 WILDLY OUT OF LINE WITH OTHER FEES FOR SIMILAR PUBLIC
20 FACILITIES. WHY? BECAUSE THIS IS THE PUBLIC'S PROPERTY. WE
21 CAN'T BE UNILATERALLY SORT OF PLAYING A GAME OF POKER WITH
22 WHAT IS PUBLIC FACILITIES. WE HAVE TO LOWER IT DOWN TO
23 REASONABLE. I MEAN, I THINK THAT IT'S PERFECTLY REASONABLE TO
24 ESTABLISH A PERIOD OF TIME, PERHAPS SIX MONTHS, PERHAPS A
25 YEAR, DURING WHICH THE PARDON THE EXPRESSION, "THE VIRGINITY"



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1 OF THIS LOCATION COULD BE I HATE TO, IT'S A BAD AREA, BUT
2 COULD BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THERE IN THE SENSE THAT FIRST-TIME
3 FILMING IS MORE VALUABLE THAN OH, WELL EVERYBODY IS SHOOTING
4 THERE LIKE WESTWARD BEACH FOR EXAMPLE AS SUPERVISOR
5 YAROSLAVSKY WILL CONFIRM GETS A LOT OF FOOT TRAFFIC OUT IN THE
6 THIRD DISTRICT. SO, I DON'T KNOW. I MEAN 10,000 DOLLARS
7 INSTEAD OF 14? IS THERE NO WAY TO COME TO A REASONABLE
8 RESOLUTION HERE? I MEAN, MR. YAROSLAVSKY AND THE OTHERS, ALL
9 OF YOU, WE CELEBRATED IT WAS A WEEK AGO WHEN THE UNIVERSAL
10 TEAM CAME DOWN AND I BELIEVE IT WAS ONE OF THE, YOU KNOW, HIGH
11 POINTS OF DEVELOPMENT WORK AND THE INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT
12 ENTITIES WORKING HAND-IN-HAND. SO I HOPE THAT TODAY THIS IS
13 FINALLY RESOLVED. MAYBE YOU HAVE IN THE BACK ROOM A SPECIAL
14 ENVELOPE THAT'S GOING TO, YOU KNOW, CONCLUDE THIS ONCE AND FOR
15 ALL. I CERTAINLY HOPE SO. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CLOSES THE
18 PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION ON ITEM 75. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE
19 ITEM IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD MOVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
22 C.E.O. AS TO THE FEE STRUCTURE BUT ALSO INSURE THAT THERE ARE
23 LIMITATIONS ON THE DAYS THAT THE FILMING COULD TAKE PLACE
24 RELATIVE TO ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC IS NOT GOING TO BE IMPACTED
25 BY EXTENSIVE FILMING AT A LOCATION. SO IF IT WAS LIMITED FILM



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1 REQUEST ON THESE RECOMMENDED FEES FROM THE C.E.O. THAT WOULD
2 BE APPROPRIATE AND YOU COULD COME BACK WITH A TIME FRAME THAT
3 THESE FEES WOULD BE ABLE TO RESTRICT THAT PRODUCTION.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** IN ADDRESSING THE OTHER HALF OF THAT ISSUE THAT
9 WAS ADDRESSED BY PAUL, THERE'S BEEN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
10 C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND REALLY NOTHING HAS CHANGED BUT WHY IS THE
11 BEST PRACTICES POLICY PART OF THE ORDINANCE? I UNDERSTAND IN
12 WORKING WITH THE INDUSTRY, YOU HAD AGREED TO BE A NONBINDING
13 THING, WHERE THERE'S SOME FLEXIBILITY WITHOUT HAVING TO COME
14 BACK TO THE BOARD FOR THAT PARTICULAR PIECE. AND ORIGINALLY IT
15 WAS NOT PART OF THE ORDINANCE.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALRIGHT, QUESTIONS TO THE OFFICE
18 OF THE C.E.O?

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20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL THAT'S PART OF OUR FILM ORDINANCE THAT IS
21 OF COURSE IT IMPACTS WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO TODAY WITH
22 RESPECT TO CHANGING THE FILM RATES BUT THAT WOULD BE A
23 SEPARATE ISSUE. WE COULD COME BACK AND LOOK AT THAT AT THE
24 APPROPRIATE TIME BECAUSE I THINK AS OUR MEMO STATES, WE WOULD
25 LIKE TO TRY THESE FEES IN THIS WHOLE PROCESS FOR AT LEAST SIX-



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1 MONTH PERIOD AND THEN COME BACK TO IT WITH ANY APPROPRIATE
2 CHANGES.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THEN WITHDRAW SECTIONS 7, GUIDELINES OF BEST
5 PRACTICE FROM WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY TO REVIEW IT? IS THAT
6 WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** CAN YOU HOLD THAT? I HAVE TO ASK COUNSEL THAT
9 QUESTION.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S JUST A FLEXIBILITY ISSUE THAT HAD BEEN
12 DISCUSSED WITH THE INDUSTRY, AS I UNDERSTAND IT. IT HAD
13 NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FEES. THAT'S A SEPARATE ISSUE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHILE THEY'RE GETTING THAT? YOU HAVE THE ANSWER
16 TO THAT?

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'VE GOT TO SAY THERE'S A LITTLE CONFUSION
19 BECAUSE LAST WEEK WE CONSIDERED THE GENERAL FILM POLICY. THE
20 SECTION YOU'RE REFERRING TO HAS TO DO WITH THE POLICY AND NOT
21 THE PROGRAM WE'RE TRYING TO ESTABLISH AT GRAND PARK. SO WE CAN
22 COME BACK AND ADDRESS YOUR ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO THE FILM
23 POLICY, BUT THAT'S A TOTALLY SEPARATE ISSUE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH
2 WHAT WE'RE DOING AS IT RELATES TO THE FEE STRUCTURE TODAY FOR
3 GRAND PARK.

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5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHICH IS TRUE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I THINK YOUR DISCUSSIONS AS I UNDERSTAND IT
8 WITH THE INDUSTRY WAS TO ALLOW SOME FLEXIBILITY SO THEY DIDN'T
9 HAVE TO COME BACK AND AMEND IT EACH AND EVERY TIME. IT WAS
10 SUPPOSED TO BE A BEST PRACTICE SEPARATE FROM THE ORDINANCE.

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** SO WE CAN PULL IT OUT AND YOU'LL REVIEW IT AND
15 COME BACK TO US? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE CAN DO THAT. WE COME BACK TO YOU ON THAT.
18 BUT TODAY WE'RE JUST TRYING TO REACH AGREEMENT, AS YOU KNOW,
19 ON THE FILM FEES.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE REQUEST FROM SUPERVISOR
22 KNABE TO EXCISE, WHAT? POINT 6?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** SECTION 7.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
4 THE AMENDMENT THAT MR. ANTONOVICH HAS MADE NOT IN THE CONCEPT
5 OF THE FEES THAT HAVE BEEN SET UP, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THE
6 INDUSTRY -- THIS WAS PUT ON THE TABLE FOR THEM AND THEY
7 WEREN'T INTERESTED, AS I UNDERSTOOD. AND YOU NOTICE THAT THEY
8 DIDN'T -- EXCUSE ME. AS I UNDERSTAND, AM I INCORRECT THAT THIS
9 WAS PUT ON THE TABLE FOR THEM AND THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED IN
10 MEETING ABOUT IT?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IN TERMS OF THE --

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE OPTION.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE OPTION FOR REDUCTION FOR SPECIFIC DAYS. IT
17 WAS PUT ON THE TABLE AND REJECTED BY THE INDUSTRY.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. SO THE ISSUE IS THAT WE TRIED TO
20 CREATE A COOPERATIVE COOPERATION HERE. AND SO SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH, I APPRECIATE YOU DOING IT, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND
22 WHAT IS GOING ON HERE. YOU TRY AND ACCOMMODATE THE INDUSTRY,
23 AND THEY JUST WEREN'T EVEN WILLING TO MEET -- (COMMENTS FROM
24 THE AUDIENCE).

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, MAY WE REQUEST THAT YOU BE
2 GOVERNED BY --

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOW HE'S LEAVING.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME. (CONTINUED FROM THE
7 AUDIENCE) .

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MAY I ASK THAT YOU HAVE A SEAT
10 SO THAT WE CAN GET CLARITY. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THE PROPOSAL WAS PUT ON
13 THE TABLE AND WAS REJECTED. AM I INCORRECT, SIR?

14

15 **ED DUFFY:** YES. (OFF MIC COMMENTS) .

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE RULES OF THE BOARD DO NOT
18 ALLOW FOR AN EXCHANGE FROM THE AUDIENCE OF THIS SORT. BUT IF
19 YOU WANT TO COME FORWARD TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, YOU ARE
20 ADVISED TO DO SO.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK THAT WHATEVER THAT ISSUE IS
23 -- YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TRIED TO BE AS COOPERATIVE AS WE CAN. AND
24 I DON'T KNOW WHAT TANTRUM IS GOING ON WITH THIS GENTLEMAN, BUT



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1 THE ISSUE IS I'M WORKING FROM THE INFORMATION THAT I WAS
2 GIVEN.

3

4 **ED DUFFY:** I'M SORRY. IT'S JUST VERY FRUSTRATING. WE DID MEET.
5 WE WERE ASKED TO MEET WITH THE ADVISORS OF THE BOARD, WITH
6 DON. WE DID MEET. THERE WAS NOTHING ABOUT REJECTING. WE WANTED
7 TO MAKE A DISCUSSION. WE WANTED TO OPEN A DISCUSSION ABOUT
8 MAKING SOME CHANGES IN THE FEE STRUCTURE. WE WERE TOLD THAT
9 THERE WEREN'T GOING TO BE ANY MADE, THAT THAT WAS IT. WE
10 SUGGESTED -- WE SAT IN THE MEETING. (COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE)

11

12 **ED DUFFY:** TO WHAT?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK WE HAVE A DIFFERENT SET OF
15 INTERPRETATION HERE.

16

17 **ED DUFFY:** WHAT WAS THE COMPROMISE? I'M SORRY.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MR. CHAIR.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME ONE MOMENT, MR.
22 FUJIOKA. REMIND US OF YOUR NAME SO THAT WE HAVE A RECORD.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** IT'S ED DUFFY WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL 399. AND I
25 APOLOGIZE. I DON'T MEAN TO GET SO FRUSTRATED, BUT WE DID HAVE



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1 A DISCUSSION. WE DID MEET. WE WERE TOLD THAT ANY SUGGESTION
2 THAT WE HAD OF A COMPROMISE WITH THIS, GETTING CLOSER TO WHAT
3 THE OTHER PARKS WERE, WAS NOT GOING TO BE POSSIBLE. AND THAT'S
4 WHERE IT WAS LEFT. BUT TO SAY WE DIDN'T HAVE THIS DISCUSSION -
5 -

6
7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THIS OFFER WAS NOT PUT ON THE TABLE FOR YOU?

8
9 **ED DUFFY:** THE OFFER, THE CURRENT OFFER WAS PUT ON THE TABLE.

10
11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOU REJECTED IT.

12
13 **ED DUFFY:** WE ASKED FOR A COMPROMISE BECAUSE THE MEET WAS TO
14 HAVE A COMPROMISE. BUT YOU JUST SAID WE DID NOT.

15
16 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, YOU KEEP INTERPRETING SOMETHING DIFFERENT.
17 ALL I KNOW IS THAT IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THE C.A.O. HAD COME
18 UP WITH A COMPROMISE. I MEAN I'M STILL WITH THE ORIGINAL,
19 OKAY. NOW, I KNOW THAT THE C.A.O. AND HIS STAFF HAVE BEEN
20 MAKING AN EFFORT WITH THE INDUSTRY TO COME UP WITH A
21 COMPROMISE. FREE IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, OKAY?

22
23 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY NEVER ASKED FOR FREE.

24
25 **ED DUFFY:** WE NEVER ASKED FOR FREE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY NEVER ASKED FOR FREE.

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4 **ED DUFFY:** NEVER, NOT ONCE.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCUSE ME. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PEOPLE PROMOTING
7 FREE ON THIS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WAS A MOTION.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT COMES FROM.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** A MOTION, I SUPPORTED IT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND IT. ALL I AM SAYING HERE IS THAT
16 WHILE THAT WAS UNACCEPTABLE, THERE HAS BEEN A COMPROMISE. AND
17 I'VE BEEN PART OF WORKING ON IT. AS I SAID BEFORE, I DON'T
18 THINK THAT GRAND PARK, PARTICULARLY IN THIS BEGINNING
19 INITIATION OF THIS PARK IS THE PLACE TO BE A BACKDROP FOR THE
20 FILM INDUSTRY. WE'RE HAVING A MAJOR BATTLE FOR, YOU KNOW,
21 WE'RE STILL GOING TO TRY AND RAISE MONEY TO MAKE THIS PARK GO.
22 WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO. AND ALL OF A SUDDEN WE'RE
23 PUTTING IN ITEMS ABOUT GIVING UP FREE SPACE, WHICH IS JUST
24 INAPPROPRIATE. NOW, MAYBE YOU DIDN'T RAISE IT, BUT IT HAS BEEN
25 RAISED. AND THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN DEALING WITH HERE. IT IS MY



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1 UNDERSTANDING THERE WAS A COMPROMISE PUT ON THE TABLE THAT WAS
2 STILL "NOT ACCEPTABLE" BY SOME OF THE PEOPLE. AND SO
3 CONSEQUENTLY, YOU KNOW, ARE WE NEGOTIATING AMONGST OURSELVES?
4 OR ARE WE NEGOTIATING WITH AN INDUSTRY?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD HOPE THAT WE NEGOTIATE WITH THE INDUSTRY.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT I'M SAYING THE INDUSTRY, IF I'M SUPPOSED TO
9 NEGOTIATE WITH YOU, OR AM I NEGOTIATING WITH THE INDUSTRY? WE
10 HAD PUT SOMETHING ON THE TABLE. AND THAT WASN'T ACCEPTABLE TO
11 THEM. AND NOW YOU'RE PUTTING IT IN AS AN AMENDMENT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT PUTTING ANYTHING IN AS AN AMENDMENT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU SECONDED THE AMENDMENT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** AS IT RELATES TO FEES.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** MY ONLY POINT IS THAT AGAIN I WANT A COOPERATIVE
20 KIND OF THING. I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HAVE THE PARK BE
21 AVAILABLE ONLY TO THE PUBLIC AT THIS POINT IN TIME. MAYBE A
22 YEAR DOWN THE LINE THAT'S SOMETHING WE'D DO. BUT I'M
23 ACCEPTABLE TO THIS COMPROMISE BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE STAFF
24 HAS WORKED IN TRYING TO FIND A MIDDLE GROUND. THE ISSUE IS



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1 THAT IF THE INDUSTRY IS STILL -- THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH, THEN
2 WHY OFFER IT UP AS A COMPROMISE?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANKS VERY MUCH. MR.
5 FUJIOKA, YOU WANTED TO CLARIFY A FEW ITEMS?

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DID WANT TO STATE THAT AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA
8 MENTIONED, WE DID PUT AN ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL ON THE TABLE
9 WHICH WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN, I THINK, A VERY FAIR AND
10 APPROPRIATE DISCOUNT FOR TWO DAYS A MONTH. IT WAS BETWEEN 25
11 AND 30 PERCENT FOR THOSE TWO DAYS A MONTH. SO WE DIDN'T MERELY
12 STICK WITH THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL. AND THAT ALTERNATIVE WAS
13 REJECTED BY THE FOLKS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING. AS A
14 CONSEQUENCE, WE CAME BACK WITH THE LATEST PROPOSAL. AND
15 ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS AS BEING REPRESENTED THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR
16 12,000 DOLLARS FOR, SAY ONE BLOCK, THAT 12,000 DOLLAR FIGURE
17 IS FOR ALL BLOCKS. AND, IN FACT, FOR SOME OF THE PRIME BLOCKS,
18 IT'S CLOSER TO 5,000 DOLLARS A DAY. AND SO WE FEEL WE MADE A
19 GOOD- FAITH EFFORT. WE FEEL THAT OUR LAST ATTEMPT TO PUT A
20 DISCOUNT ON FOR AT LEAST TWO DAYS A MONTH WAS VERY FAIR. AND
21 THAT WAS REJECTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT FAIR, YOU SAY VERY FAIR, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND
24 IT'S VERY DAY-SPECIFIC AND REALLY MADE IT DIFFICULT. THERE WAS
25 NO FLEXIBILITY BUILT IN.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS STRIKE A
3 BALANCE BETWEEN FINDING A RATE THAT WAS I CHARACTERIZE AS FAIR
4 BUT ALSO THE BALANCE TO INSURE THAT IT DIDN'T DISRUPT THE USE
5 OF THE PARK FOR THE PUBLIC.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE PICKED A COUPLE DAYS. WE PICKED MONDAYS TO
10 BE VERY SPECIFIC BECAUSE WE LOOKED AT USAGE FOR THE OTHER DAYS
11 OF THE WEEK. WE THOUGHT MONDAY HAD A LOW USAGE, A RELATIVELY
12 LOW ON A COMPARATIVE BASIS. SO WE PICKED THOSE DAYS AND WE
13 OFFERED THAT AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT DISCOUNT PROPOSAL, THAT WOULD HAVE
20 BEEN A DISCOUNT BEYOND THE FEE THAT YOU WERE RECOMMENDING TO
21 US TODAY, CORRECT?

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT. OUR ORIGINAL -- ACTUALLY
24 THE DISCOUNT WE'RE RECOMMENDING TO YOU TODAY IS 74 PERCENT
25 LESS THAN WHAT WE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DON'T THINK THE FOLKS IN THE AUDIENCE DO.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I HONESTLY THINK THAT THE WORD "REJECT"
7 IS PROBABLY THE THING THAT'S CAUSING THEM A LITTLE HEARTBURN.
8 AND I CAN SEE HOW YOU FEEL THEY REJECTED IT. THEY MAY FEEL
9 THAT THEY HAD NO CHOICE BECAUSE IF YOU LISTEN TO WHAT THE
10 GENTLEMAN FROM THE TEAMSTERS UNION SAID, THAT THERE WAS NO
11 OPENNESS TO ANYTHING ELSE. HOWEVER, IF I CAN JUST ASK THE
12 QUESTION ON THE DISCOUNT, IS IT MR. DUFFY? COME ON UP HERE FOR
13 A SECOND.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THE OTHER PIECE OF THIS IS IT WAS UNREALISTIC TO
16 FILM IN JUST ONE DAY.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS BETWEEN THE PROPOSAL THAT'S BEFORE US AND
19 THE PROPOSAL THAT'S BEFORE US WITH THE DISCOUNT THAT MR.
20 FUJIOKA HAS ARTICULATED HE PROPOSED, WHY WOULDN'T YOU --

21

22 **ED DUFFY:** I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME FINISH THE QUESTION SO IT'S ON THE
25 RECORD.



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2 **ED DUFFY:** I'M SORRY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY WOULDN'T YOU PREFER THE DISCOUNT OPTION
5 THAN THE ONE THAT'S BEFORE US?

6

7 **ED DUFFY:** THE PROBLEM WHEN IT WAS PRESENTED TO US WAS THE
8 DISCOUNT, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE DISCOUNT WAS? I KNOW, BUT DO
9 YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THAT WAS?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE SAID IT WAS 25 TO 30 PERCENT, SOMETHING
12 LIKE THAT.

13

14 **ED DUFFY:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT WE HEARD. AND IT WAS FOR
15 -- WELL, THE QUESTION IS: WE DIDN'T QUITE SEE -- I MEAN, WHEN
16 IT WAS PRESENTED TO US, I DON'T THINK WE REALLY HEARD ANY OF
17 THAT. AND WE WERE SITTING RIGHT THERE. THAT DIDN'T SEEM TO BE
18 WHAT WAS GIVEN TO US. I'D LIKE -- OH WAIT A MINUTE. DON'T GET
19 SO UPSET.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE ANSWERING MY QUESTION.

22

23 **ED DUFFY:** NO HERE'S THE THING. LET ME EXPLAIN. CAN I EXPLAIN
24 MYSELF?

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO, YOU MAY NOT. LET ME JUST
2 SIMPLY SAY THIS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE'S ANSWERING MY QUESTION.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HOLD ON FOR A MINUTE, ZEV. MR.
7 DUFFY, WE'VE EXTENDED YOU A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF COURTESY IN
8 THE INTEREST OF GETTING IT CLARIFIED FOR ALL PARTIES. I APPEAL
9 TO YOU TO STAY FOCUSED. DO NOT EXCHANGE WITH MEMBERS OF THE
10 BOARD. DON'T REACT TO ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE QUESTION THAT IS
11 BEING POSED TO YOU. MR. YAROSLAVSKY HAS THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW
12 THE'S POSING A QUESTION TO YOU. YOU SHOULD ANSWER IT AND THEN
13 WE GO TO MOVE FORWARD.

14

15 **ED DUFFY:** OKAY. THE WAY IT WAS PRESENTED TO US, THAT
16 PARTICULAR THING, IF YOU LOOKED AT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY IT
17 REALLY WAS, IT WAS A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS. IT WAS NOT
18 SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH TO SAY THAT TWO DAYS A MONTH, THAT THAT
19 REDUCTION WOULD HAVE MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE. AND THAT'S THE
20 REASON WHY. WE DIDN'T FEEL THAT MADE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE
21 TO THE PROPOSAL.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I UNDERSTAND. MR. FUJIOKA, WE HAVE
24 BUILT INTO THIS A REVIEW OF THIS FEE IN SIX MONTHS? OKAY. I'D



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1 LIKE TO BE SURE THAT THAT REVIEW WILL COME TO THE BOARD FOR A
2 PUBLIC DISCUSSION IN SIX MONTHS.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT JUST A MEMO SO THAT WE CAN REVIEW THIS.
7 SIX MONTHS MIGHT BE PREMATURE BUT WE CAN GIVE IT OUR BEST
8 SHOT.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND THAT IS THE RECOMMENDATION
11 OF THE C.E.O., SIX MONTHS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO CONFIRM BUT I WANTED
14 TO MAKE SURE IT COMES BACK TO A BOARD MEETING AND WE HAVE A
15 DISCUSSION AND MAYBE IN ADVANCE OF THAT, THAT YOU CAN HAVE OR
16 DON CAN HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS THAT WE'VE
17 HEARD FROM TODAY AND SEE HOW IT'S OPERATED AND WHETHER THERE
18 WERE ANY TWEAKS AND MODIFICATIONS THAT WE'VE MADE. I'M NOT
19 GOING TO REPEAT WHAT I SAID THE LAST TIME WE DISCUSSED THIS.
20 WE'RE GOING TO CHARGE SOMETHING. WE GOT TO CHARGE SOMETHING.
21 AND I'M OPEN TO SOMETHING THAT WORKS FOR EVERYBODY. AND MAYBE
22 THERE'S A WAY YOU CAN PUT YOUR THINKING CAPS ON AND YOU KNOW
23 THIS BUSINESS BETTER THAN WE DO AND WORK WITH OUR STAFF TO
24 COME UP WITH SOMETHING OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SIX MONTHS



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1 AS YOU SEE HOW THIS OPERATES BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR
2 FRUSTRATION.

3

4 **ED DUFFY:** I'M SORRY. AND I APOLOGIZE TO EVERYONE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOUR APOLOGY IS ACCEPTED. BUT I THINK --

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SPEAK FOR YOURSELF.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SPEAK FOR MYSELF, THAT'S RIGHT. [LAUGHTER.]

11 I'M NOT SURE YOU'D GET THREE VOTES TO ACCEPT YOUR APOLOGY

12 RIGHT NOW, MR. DUFFY. YOU SHOULD QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. DUFFY, JUST WITH ONE THING.

15

16 **ED DUFFY:** I'M SORRY.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU MAKE

19 SURE THAT ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS ARE CLEAR. I'M A LITTLE

20 TROUBLED BY THE ASSERTION BY THE C.E.O. THAT YOU IN PARTICULAR

21 MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE CONTENT MUCH WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED. MY

22 CONCERN IS THAT YOU ESSENTIALLY CONFIRMED THAT -- IT SEEMS TO

23 ME IT IS YOUR OBLIGATION TO KNOW WHAT IS IN THIS TO HAVE A

24 SENSE OF WHETHER THIS IS A REASONABLE ENOUGH GESTURE IN THE

25 INTEREST OF RECONCILING OUR DISPARATE POINTS OF VIEW. SO GET



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1 INTO THE DETAILS OF THIS, MR. DUFFY. KNOW IT AND THEN WE WILL
2 RE-VISIT IT IN SIX MONTHS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **ED DUFFY:** OKAY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST A POINT OF ORDER BECAUSE I WANT TO GET A
11 CLARIFICATION. SO WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW, OR AT LEAST I TAKE
12 IT, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THAT YOU ARE GOING TO SUBSTITUTE,
13 INSTEAD OF THE MOTION THAT IS BEFORE US, SUBSTITUTE THE
14 RECOMMENDATION OF THE C.A.O. WITH A REVIEW WITHIN SIX MONTHS,
15 CORRECT?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THOUGHT THAT WAS WHAT WAS BEFORE US.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. WHAT'S BEFORE US IS THE MOTION MR. ANTONOVICH
20 HAS PUT.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH IS THE ADOPTION OF THE
23 C.E.O.'S MOTION.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M NOT SURE.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WAS.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT'S CLEAR.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS CLEAR. AND THE C.E.O. HAS
9 AGREED THAT THAT'S A REASONABLE REQUEST.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE C.E.O., IS THAT WHAT IS BEFORE US? I WANT TO
12 MAKE SURE.

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHAT I UNDERSTAND. WE'LL BE MOVING THE
15 RECOMMENDATIONS IN OUR REPORT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IN SIX MONTHS
20 WE'LL COME BACK TO THIS BOARD ON A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM TO
21 DISCUSS HOW THE NEW FILM FEES ARE ACTUALLY, HOW THEY'RE
22 WORKING. AND THEN THE LAST IS THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ASKED
23 US TO LOOK AT APPROPRIATE DAYS FOR THE FILMING TO OCCUR, BUT I
24 TOOK THAT AS BEING WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE RECOMMENDED FILM
25 RATES.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IS THAT IT?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE LOOKED AT.

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM BEFORE US IS MOVED?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN? WE'RE ALSO PULLING OUT SECTION 7, IS
13 THAT CORRECT, FOR YOUR REVIEW? THE BEST PRACTICES?

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'RE GOING TO COME BACK ON THAT ITEM, THAT
16 BEING THE CONTEXT OF DISCUSSING THE OVERALL FILM POLICY. AND
17 WELL LOOK AT THAT FOR YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN?

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING FURTHER AT
22 THIS POINT ON THE ITEM? HEARING NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS,
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES. THE BOARD REPORT AS AMENDED.
24 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M A NO VOTE.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S CALL THE ROLL.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR

6 YAROSLAVSKY? SUPERVISOR KNABE? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

7 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AYE.

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. LET'S, THEN, PROCEED

14 TO THE NEXT ITEM WHICH IS ITEM NUMBER 76.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE NEXT ITEM, THERE ARE

17 INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO --

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE SHOULD MAKE THE BEACHES FREE.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PROCEED. (GAVEL). THE CHAIR

22 APPEALS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT AS WELL

23 AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT TO RESPECT THE

24 APPROPRIATE BATTLE LINES. PROCEED. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY
2 BEFORE THE BOARD ON ITEM NUMBER 76, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE
3 YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
4 SPEAKERS.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I SEE ONLY ONE PERSON. I SEE TWO
7 PEOPLE. I SEE THREE PEOPLE.

8

9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE
10 BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH,
11 THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD?
12 THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ON ITEM NUMBER 76, AGAIN THIS IS
13 THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE. EXCUSE ME -- PUBLIC HEARING
14 ON ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 2
15 ADMINISTRATION TO ADD CHAPTER 2.165 TO IMPLEMENT A
16 REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR ALL TAX AGENTS PRACTICING IN LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT, NO
18 CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED. THERE ARE SPEAKERS.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. THAT IS
21 ITEM NUMBER 76. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WISH TO BE HEARD. IN
22 THIS ORDER, RON GANGLOFF, ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS. GENTLEMEN
23 PLEASE COME FORWARD. I'M SORRY? NO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
24 ALREADY GAVE INDICATION OF THAT, MR. SACHS. PLEASE COME



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1 FORWARD. MR. GANGLOFF YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES. THE OTHER
2 SPEAKERS WILL PROCEED, SIR.

3

4 **RON GANGLOFF:** RON GANGLOFF OF THE CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF
5 TAXPAYERS ADVOCATES. AS A PROPERTY TAX AGENT, AS AN AGENT I
6 STEP IN THE SHOES OF THE TAXPAYER. I HAVE DONE THAT FOR MANY
7 TAXPAYERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THROUGHOUT MANY COUNTIES
8 THROUGHOUT THE STATE. I'M HERE TO SPEAK AGAINST UNNECESSARY OR
9 UNDUE REGULATION AT THIS POINT. THE ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE
10 HAS PASSED. KEEP IN MIND THAT OUR MAIN CONCERN IS THAT THERE
11 ARE 58 COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. IF I WERE TO BE
12 REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH AND PAY FEES TO DEAL WITH THE ORDINANCE
13 IN TERMS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE DIFFERENCES IN WHAT YOU
14 FIND IN THE CODE AS FAR AS HOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO ACT, THAT
15 WOULD BE VERY ONEROUS AND VERY DIFFICULT. SO THAT REGULATION
16 DOESN'T JUST FALL ON AGENTS, IT FALLS ON THE TAXPAYER BECAUSE
17 I AM STANDING IN LIEU OF THE TAXPAYER FOR THOSE PURPOSES.
18 THERE IS A STATE BILL THAT'S RUNNING THROUGH SACRAMENTO RIGHT
19 NOW THROUGH TING 1151. I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD
20 BE DONE THROUGH THE STATE. PROPERTY TAX LAW IS BASED ON STATE
21 LAW. IF YOU'RE GOING TO REGISTER OR YOU'RE GOING TO REGULATE
22 ACTORS WITHIN THIS AREA, IT SHOULD BE DONE AT THE STATE LEVEL.
23 I THINK THE TAXPAYER IS OF EVERY RIGHT AT THIS POINT TO SEE
24 WHAT HAPPENS WITH THIS LEGISLATION. AND HOPEFULLY IT GETS
25 PUSHED THROUGH. THERE HAS BEEN SOME OPPOSITION. BUT THE



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1 OPPOSITION TO THE LEGISLATION IS FALLING OFF AS IT'S BEEN
2 EXPLAINED WHAT IT WOULD MEAN FOR TAXPAYERS' REPRESENTATIVES TO
3 HAVE TO REGISTER ON A LOCAL LEVEL ON A COUNTY-BY-COUNTY BASIS
4 IN 58 COUNTIES. I THINK IT IS NECESSARY THIS BE HELD OFF. AND
5 WE WOULD ASK YOUR INDULGENCE IN THE MATTER. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
8 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
11 DISTRICT 3. ITEM 76 TODAY, THIS HEARING, IS FOR AN ORDINANCE
12 TO BASICALLY EMPLOY FOUR NEW EMPLOYEES HERE AT THE EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICE IN ORDER TO LOOK AFTER THE REGISTRATION OF TAX AGENTS.
14 NOW, WE'VE ALL HEARD AND WE'RE ALL EAGERLY AWAITING THE TING
15 1151 UP IN THE STATE. SO THE IDEA THAT WE ARE TAKING THIS
16 ACTION SORT OF AGGRESSIVELY AND QUICKLY, I REMEMBER LAST WEEK
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE, I BELIEVE THE AUTHOR OF THIS MOTION, SAID
18 THAT HE WOULD GIVE US ONE MORE WEEK BECAUSE THERE WERE A
19 NUMBER OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO CAME DOWN AND TESTIFIED THAT
20 IT SEEMED REDUNDANT WITH THE STATE LEGISLATION, WAS THIS
21 SOMETHING REALLY THAT WE NEEDED TO FAST TRACK? AND HIS CONCERN
22 WAS THERE IS ANOTHER TAX CYCLE COMING UP. BUT THAT'S NOT THE
23 ONLY MECHANISM WE HAVE FOR MINDING THE STORE MORE CAREFULLY AT
24 THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. AND THE OTHER TECHNIQUES THAT HAVE BEEN
25 DEPLOYED ARE PUSHING SANTOS KREIMANN INTO THE ROLE OF CHIEF



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1 ASSESSOR. THIS IS A LONGTIME COLLEAGUE OF MR. FUJIOKA'S. MR.
2 KNABE'S AND THE BOARDS. HE IS RUNNING THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
3 NOW. AND HE HAS IMPLEMENTED SOMETHING CALLED THE QUALITY
4 ASSURANCE PROGRAM THAT I WANT THIS BOARD TO BE VERY CLEAR
5 ABOUT. THIS IS A FIRST CLASS OPERATION. WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE
6 PERMITTING ANYBODY TO INFLUENCE ANYBODY DOWN HERE GOING
7 FORWARD, OKAY? THAT'S THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, AS MR.
8 FUJIOKA IS CONFIRMING. SO REGARDING WHETHER OR NOT WE WANT TO
9 BRING IN FOUR MORE EXECUTIVE OFFICE EMPLOYEES, WE DO ADORE THE
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICE; THEY'RE THE TEAM THAT PUTS TOGETHER THE
11 PROGRAMS FOR THESE MEETINGS, THEY'RE THE TEAM THAT PUBLISHING
12 THE COUNTY DOCUMENTS, AND THEY ARE COMPETENT IN SORT OF 87
13 PERCENT OF WHAT THEY'RE DOING. THE CATEGORY OF OVERSIGHT
14 REGARDING INFLUENCE DOWN HERE AT THE BOARD IS NOT THE AREA
15 WHERE THEY EXCEL. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER TODAY AND AS I'VE
16 MENTIONED IN REPETITION IN 2012 AND PAUL KIM AND COUNTY
17 COUNSEL WILL CONFIRM THIS IN A PUBLIC RECORD THAT HE WROTE TO
18 ME THERE WERE ZERO ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN THE LOBBYIST
19 ORDINANCE. NOW, WE ALL SCRATCH OUR HEADS AND SAY WAIT A
20 MINUTE, THAT CAN'T BE POSSIBLE. OBVIOUSLY HE'S NOT PHRASING
21 THE QUESTION PROPERLY BECAUSE SURELY IN A 24 BILLION DOLLAR
22 BUDGET A YEAR COUNTY, THERE MUST BE SOME ISSUES WITH LOBBYISTS
23 DOWN HERE. AND WE DO REMEMBER SO CAL CONNECTED WHICH IS ON
24 HIATUS NOW DID A PIECE ON I GUESS IT WAS THE SOLICITATION OF A
25 RENTAL CAR AGREEMENT AND EVEN MAYOR ANTONOVICH RAISED THE RED



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1 FLAG AND SAID PLEASE REPORT BACK ON THIS YOU DIDN'T ASK THE
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUT HE ASKED THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, ALSO
3 VERY CLOSE TO THE BOARD GROUP, TO REPORT BACK. AND WE ARE
4 STILL AWAITING THE REPORT BACK. SO THIS IS MONTHS LATER. I
5 FEEL THAT THIS TAX AGENT REGISTRATION IS A GOAL. IT SHOULD NOT
6 BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SLAMMING MORE PEOPLE INTO THE DEPARTMENT
7 THAT IS EXTREMELY LOYAL TO THIS BODY. AND THAT'S MY FEELING.
8 THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. AS
13 MR. PREVEN MENTIONED, 279,000 DOLLARS FOR FOUR MONTHS FOR FOUR
14 PEOPLE COMES TO 210,000 DOLLARS A POSITION FOR A YEAR. NOT BAD
15 MONEY IF YOU CAN MAKE IT. BUT MY CONCERN HERE, HERE'S TWO
16 ITEMS THAT YOU HAD ON YOUR AGENDAS. ONE IS FROM FEBRUARY OF
17 2012. FEBRUARY 7, 2012, AND THE OTHER IS FROM APRIL 24, 2012.
18 AND THE FIRST ONE WAS A RECOMMENDATION SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR
19 KNABE TO INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE COUNTY'S
20 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES IN SACRAMENTO TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF
21 A.B.1325 LEGISLATION WHICH REQUIRES REGISTERED BUSINESS OWNERS
22 TO SHOW PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION TO THE REGISTER RECORDER
23 COUNTY CLERK AT THE TIME OF FILING THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
24 NAME STATEMENT. THEY'RE COUNTY TAX AGENTS PRACTICING IN LOS
25 ANGELES. DO THEY HAVE TO FULFILL THAT REQUIREMENT? AND THEN



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1 THE GENTLEMAN HAPPENED TO MENTION ABOUT THE 88 COUNTIES. SO IF
2 HE FILES IN SACRAMENTO AS A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, THAT
3 PRETTY MUCH COVERS REGISTERING ANY COUNTY BECAUSE YOU FILE AS
4 A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION. YOUR CORPORATION IS GOOD THROUGHOUT
5 THE STATE. BUT THEN THIS OTHER ITEM WAS ALSO SUBMITTED BY
6 SUPERVISOR KNABE, THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES TO WORK
7 WITH THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO REVIEW THE REVISED LOCAL
8 SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM
9 INTERPRETATION OF A PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AS A PLACE OF
10 BUSINESS WHERE THE BUSINESS OR CORPORATION OFFICERS DIRECT,
11 CONTROL, ADMINISTRATE COORDINATE ALL THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES.
12 DOES THAT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH REGISTERING THE PROPOSAL AS
13 TAX AGENTS? AND AGAIN, THIS ITEM FROM -- THIS IS A NEWS STORY
14 FROM I BELIEVE THE DAILY BREEZE FROM 1/6/13 WHERE THESE TWO
15 PEOPLE I GUESS WERE RUNNING FOR SCHOOL OFFICE, AND THEY
16 ACTUALLY HAD THEIR ADDRESSES, THE TORRANCE ADDRESS ASSOCIATED
17 WITH MAILBOXES. MAILBOX MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF 15 DOLLARS FOR
18 FAILING TO PAY THEIR RENT. THE ADDRESSES OF HENRY LAW AND
19 ASSOCIATES IS A PRIVATE MAILBOX IN TORRANCE. HOW DO YOU
20 ADDRESS THAT FACT AS REGISTERING AS A TAX AGENT IN A MAILBOX?
21 AND LET'S NOT FORGET THE WONDERFUL FIASCO THAT HAPPENED AT THE
22 COLISEUM WHERE THE GUY REGISTERED HIS OWN BUSINESS TO ENABLE
23 HIM TO USE THE SAME LETTERHEAD, BASICALLY, THAT IS USED BY THE
24 L.A. COLISEUM. HOW DO YOU ADDRESS THAT? WELL, WE DON'T.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
2 THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. MADAM
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER? UNLESS THERE ARE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM
4 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ONLY QUESTION I HAVE, AT SOME POINT WE HAVE TO
7 MOVE FORWARD. I'M NOT SURE -- IT HAS TO GO THROUGH
8 APPROPRIATIONS YET OTHERWISE IT COULD GO INTO SUSPENSE. SO I
9 DON'T KNOW. DO WE HAVE ANY -- WHAT IS THE DROP DEAD DATE?

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** FOR SACRAMENTO?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** ON THE BILL?

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WELL, MY UNDERSTANDING IS MAY --

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** BEFORE IT GOES INTO SUSPENSE.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA, LET THE RECORD REFLECT -
20 - AND ANTONOVICH ARE HAVING FLASHBACKS. ALL RIGHT. BEFORE US.
21 SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES IT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS IT. IF
22 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK
23 YOU.

24

25 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, POINT OF ORDER, SCOTT FROM MY STAFF,
3 GOOD FRIEND'S SON JUST PASSED AWAY EARLIER THIS MORNING. I
4 HAVE ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RANDY CARSON.
5 RANDY AND HIS FATHER CHUCK ARE LONGTIME FRIENDS, LONG TIME
6 RESIDENT OF CERRITOS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER CHUCK.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE.
9 ITEM NUMBER 77-D IS BEFORE US. I THINK IT WAS HELD BY
10 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THIS IS THE ITEM
11 PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
12 AS WELL AS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. AND IT IS BEFORE US. SO ARE
13 THERE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC? IF SO,
14 I'D LIKE TO SEE THOSE ITEMS. OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ANY
15 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** ABSOLUTELY. I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE DIRECTOR OF THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES COME BEFORE US.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. AS HE COMES FORTH,
21 LET ME SIMPLY INDICATE THAT THE THRUST OF THE MOTION IS TO
22 EFFECT ANNUAL PROGRAMMATIC AUDITS FOR ALL THE FOSTER FAMILY
23 AGENCIES AND GROUP HOMES WHICH PROVIDE HOMES FOR DEPENDENT
24 CHILDREN. SECONDLY, WE WANT TO ADDRESS OURSELVES TO THE AMOUNT
25 OF RESOURCES THAT D.C.F.S. BUDGETS FOR FISCAL AUDITS PERFORMED



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1 BY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT IT IS
2 PROBABLY APPROPRIATE THAT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FIND HER WAY
3 TO THE CENTER DESK, AS WELL. THIRDLY, TO IDENTIFY HOW D.C.F.S.
4 AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER MIGHT COLLABORATE TO CONDUCT A
5 COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT DURING THE YEARS IN WHICH THE FISCAL AND
6 PROGRAMMATIC AUDITS OVERLAP. AND, FINALLY, TO CLARIFY THE
7 STATUS OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM AND THE EFFORTS USED TO BRING
8 ABOUT A MORE EFFECTIVE RESULT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** PHILIP BROWNING, WE'VE DONE THESE AUDITS BEFORE,
11 AS YOU KNOW. AND WE HAVE A VERY HIGH STANDARD. WE USUALLY HAVE
12 ON AVERAGE ANYWHERE FROM TWO TO SIX PARENTS THAT COME IN AND
13 TESTIFY BEFORE US ABOUT WHATEVER INADEQUACIES THEY SEE IN
14 CHILDREN'S SERVICES BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE A
15 DETERMINATION, IT'S BEEN REAFFIRMED BY THE COURT TO TAKE THE
16 CHILDREN OUT OF THAT HOME BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL ABUSE OR
17 POTENTIAL PROBLEM. AND IT'S ALWAYS VERY TRYING FOR ME. AND
18 IT'S ONE OF THOSE ISSUES THAT WE CAN'T GET INVOLVED IN. THE
19 COURTS, YOU AND THE COURTS MAKE A DETERMINATION. AND WE HAVE
20 TO MOVE FORWARD ON IT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD. YET,
21 IT DOESN'T SEEM AS WE USE THE SAME STANDARD FOR OURSELVES OR
22 FOR THESE GROUP HOMES OR FOSTER CARE AGENCIES. NOW, AS YOU
23 KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN MONITORING THESE AGENCIES FOR A LONG TIME.
24 WE HAVE CONTRACT MONITORS. WE HAVE AUDITORS. AND THERE IS A
25 STRING OF AGENCIES THAT FINANCIALLY CAN'T SEEM TO MEET THEIR



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1 RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CONTRACT AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO
2 THE CHILDREN. MANY OF THESE DEPARTMENTS, MANY OF THESE GROUP
3 HOMES HAVE FAILED OUR CHILDREN. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, I DON'T
4 UNDERSTAND WHY THE DEPARTMENT IS SO LETHARGIC IN TAKING ANY
5 ACTIONS ON THESE DEPARTMENTS -- ON THESE AGENCIES. YOU HAVE
6 RIGHT NOW HOW MANY CONTRACTS RIGHT NOW THAT OWE YOU MONEY?

7

8 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I HAVE A LIST HERE. I DON'T HAVE THEM ALL
9 ADDED UP. BUT WE DO CALCULATE THAT BASED UPON WHAT THE
10 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER GIVES US. WE HAVE A QUARTERLY MEETING WHERE
11 WE DISCUSS THIS. WE TRACK THAT AND ANY TIME THERE'S MONEY
12 OWED, WE SET UP A PLAN WITH THE AGENCY OR TURN IT OVER TO
13 T.T.C. I CAN TAKE 10 MINUTES AND FIND THE DATA OR I CAN JUST
14 SEND YOU THAT INFORMATION, BUT WE DO HAVE A LIST.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE HAVE A LOT. WE HAVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
17 OUTSTANDING.

18

19 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WE HAVE AT LEAST ONE MILLION THAT I'M AWARE
20 OF.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THE ISSUE IS -- AND THERE ARE ALSO
23 INSTANCES WHERE THEY HAVE I WANT TO SAY VIOLATED OUR CHILDREN
24 BUT JUST DIDN'T MEET THE STANDARDS THAT WE HAD SET OUT IN THE



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1 CONTRACT FOR THEM TO PROTECT THESE CHILDREN. WHY IS IT THAT WE
2 CAN'T JUST STOP SENDING CHILDREN TO THEM?

3

4 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK WE COULD JUST STOP SENDING CHILDREN.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY DON'T WE?

7

8 **PHILIP BROWNING:** IT DEPENDS ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. THE STATE
9 LICENSES ALL OF THESE FACILITIES; THE COUNTY DOESN'T. THE
10 STATE SETS THE RATES THAT ARE PAID; THE COUNTY DOESN'T. WE DO
11 HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THESE ENTITIES UNLIKE ANY OTHER COUNTY IN
12 THIS STATE. WE DO MAKE PLACEMENTS WHEN THAT'S ABSOLUTELY
13 NECESSARY. SAFETY IS OUR PRIMARY GOAL AND WE ONLY PUT A CHILD
14 IN ONE OF THESE PLACEMENTS WHEN IT'S ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE A DIFFERENT QUESTION. I KNOW WE HAVE A
17 CONTRACT WITH THEM. AND I KNOW THE STATE LICENSES THEM. THAT'S
18 A DIFFERENT ISSUE. WHY IS IT THAT WE CAN'T JUST TAKE THE
19 CHILDREN OUT THE MINUTE THAT WE SEE THEM POTENTIALLY HARMING
20 OUR CHILDREN?

21

22 **PHILIP BROWNING:** IF WE BELIEVE THAT A CHILD IS IN DANGER, WE
23 TAKE THAT CHILD OUT. WE DO NOT LEAVE ANY CHILDREN KNOWINGLY IN
24 A SITUATION WHERE WE BELIEVE THAT CHILD IS IN DANGER.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. BROWNING, I'M GOING TO ASK ONE MORE TIME. I'M
2 NOT TALKING ABOUT THE CHILD. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE AGENCY. IF
3 THE AGENCY HARMS ONE CHILD, WHY WOULD WE NOT MAKE A
4 DETERMINATION THAT IT COULD POTENTIALLY HARM OTHER CHILDREN?

5

6 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK THAT DETERMINATION IS MADE ON A CASE-
7 BY-CASE BASIS AND IN EVERY SITUATION. IT'S NOT BEEN BROUGHT TO
8 MY ATTENTION WHERE THERE'S A SITUATION WHERE AN AGENCY IN AND
9 OF ITSELF SHOULD BE TERMINATED FOR A REASON WHERE WE HAVEN'T
10 ALREADY DONE THAT. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF AGENCIES --

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU HAVE AN AGENCY NOW THAT HAS FAILED CHILDREN
13 THREE TIMES IN THE PAST AND MAY BE UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ONE
14 TODAY. WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE TO STOP SENDING CHILDREN TO
15 THAT AGENCY?

16

17 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK THERE ARE TWO THINGS, ONE OF WHICH
18 WOULD BE A FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION IF WE THOUGHT THE AGENCY
19 WAS NOT FINANCIALLY VIABLE WE WOULD MAKE PLANS TO IMMEDIATELY
20 MOVE ALL THE CHILDREN AND WE'VE DONE THAT RECENTLY ON SEVERAL
21 OCCASIONS.

22

23 **SUP MOLINA:** YOU KEEP ANSWERING DIFFERENT QUESTIONS. LET'S
24 START ONCE AGAIN. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT VIABILITY, I'M NOT.
25 I'M TALKING ABOUT VIOLATION OF CONTRACT, VIOLATION OF THE



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1 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE COUNTY. I DON'T CARE IF
2 THEY'RE VIABLE OR NOT. THAT'S NOT MY ISSUE. MY ISSUE IS I GAVE
3 THEM A CONTRACT. I OFFERED TO PAY THEM SO MUCH FOR TAKING CARE
4 OF THESE CHILDREN. THEY CAME AROUND TO SPEND THEIR MONEY. WE
5 HAD ONE PERSON ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO THAT DECIDED TO GO ON A
6 HAWAIIAN VACATION WITH THE MONEY. THEY BOUGHT THEMSELVES A
7 CADILLAC. AND WE CONTINUED TO FUND THEM. I COULD PROBABLY GIVE
8 YOU EXAMPLES TODAY OF CONTRACTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN AUDITED
9 BY OUR AUDITOR THAT HAVE SIMILAR FINDINGS THAT STILL HAVE NOT
10 BEEN RESOLVED. WHY IS IT -- I GUESS THIS IS THE QUESTION,
11 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THAT IS THE ISSUE HERE. YOUR MOTION
12 IS EFFECTIVE BUT WE'RE REGURGITATING WHAT I THINK WE DID
13 ALMOST SEVEN YEARS AGO ON THESE CONTRACTS. IT'S THE SAME
14 ISSUE. SO HERE WE SET UP A STANDARD FOR PARENTS, RIGHT? AND
15 THEN WE TURN AROUND AND WE HAVE A DIFFERENT STANDARD. NOW, I
16 KNOW THE STATE LICENSES THEM. AND WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT
17 THE STATE. WE CAN HIRE A BUNCH OF CONTRACT MONITORS TO GO
18 AROUND DOING THAT BUT IT WOULD BE WASTING OUR TIME WHEN WE
19 HAVE A BETTER WAY OF DOING IT. BETTER WAY OF DOING IT IS
20 EITHER CUT OFF THE CONTRACT, NUMBER ONE. OR DON'T SEND
21 CHILDREN THERE. BUT WE DON'T SEEM TO DO IT. SO WE KEEP
22 REGURGITATING THIS. THERE ARE SO MANY INSTANCES WHERE WE HAVE
23 GIVEN CHANCE AFTER CHANCE AFTER CHANCE TO SOME OF THESE GROUP
24 HOMES. AND I KNOW HOW DESPERATELY WE NEED THEM. I HAD TO CUT
25 OFF TWO GROUP HOMES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY THAT SERVES



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1 SPANISH-SPEAKING CHILDREN. BUT WHEN I SAW THE KIND OF
2 VIOLATIONS THAT THEY HAD, WHICH ARE NOT AS BAD AS SOME OF THE
3 OTHERS THAT I'VE SEEN HERE, I DID NOT WANT CHILDREN GOING TO
4 THAT FOSTER CARE AGENCY. AND IT WAS TOUGH BECAUSE THEY CAME
5 HERE AND BATTLED. BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO SET A STANDARD. AND
6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, UNDER YOUR MOTION, IT'S SORT OF LIKE
7 CAN YOU GET THIS? I THINK WE SHOULD SET A STANDARD NOW. THESE
8 AUDITS ARE DONE REGULARLY. I KNOW. I READ THEM. AND, YES,
9 SOMETIMES IT'S AS LITTLE AS 1,500 THAT THEY'VE MISPLACED. BUT
10 SOMETIMES PEOPLE HAVE GONE AND BOUGHT CARS FOR THEMSELVES WITH
11 THIS MONEY, WHICH IS A VIOLATION OF THE CONTRACT. SOMETIMES
12 THEY HAVE HURT CHILDREN AND IN MANY INSTANCES THEY'VE BEEN--
13 THE CHILDREN ARE DEAD. SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE ARE
14 WAITING AROUND FOR SOMETHING ELSE TO HAPPEN LIKE THEY'RE GOING
15 TO IMPROVE. WE DON'T GIVE THAT MANY CHANCES TO MANY OF THE
16 PARENTS OUT THERE. SO THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING. WHY IS IT THAT WE
17 DON'T JUST TAKE THE LITTLE BIT OF POWER THAT WE HAVE, WHICH IS
18 THE CONTRACT, AND UTILIZE IT SO THAT PEOPLE WILL FOLLOW THE
19 RULES. INSTEAD OF, WELL, YOU KNOW, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BOUGHT A
20 CAR. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY US BACK. WHY DON'T WE DO
21 THAT?

22

23 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK THE BOARD COULD DO THAT.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THE DEPARTMENT COULD NOT RECOMMEND THAT, HUH?
2 SO I SHOULD BRING IN A MOTION TO DO THAT?

3

4 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I'M NOT SAYING THE DEPARTMENT COULDN'T
5 RECOMMEND THAT. I THINK WHAT WE DO IN THOSE SITUATIONS FOR
6 FOSTER HOMES PARTICULARLY WHEN ONE OF OUR WORKERS SEES A
7 SITUATION THAT WE THINK THE CHILD IS UNSAFE, WE HAVE THAT HOME
8 DECERTIFIED. SO OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, OVER 250 FOSTER HOMES
9 WERE DECERTIFIED THAT NO LONGER SERVE OUR CHILDREN.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE
12 FOSTER CARE AGENCIES. THEY'RE THE ONES THAT GET THE CONTRACTS.
13 THEY'RE THE ONES THAT GET ALL OF THESE HOMES TOGETHER. I
14 UNDERSTAND. BUT THE POINT IS: IT SEEMS THAT THE AGENCY IS THE
15 ONE THAT'S VIOLATING THE CONTRACT.

16

17 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK THE AGENCY MIGHT HAVE MADE A DECISION
18 TO HAVE SOMEONE BE A FOSTER PARENT. AND THAT FOSTER PARENT WAS
19 NOT AN APPROPRIATE FOSTER PARENT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IF THE AGENCY WAS CONSPIRING WITH CERTAIN
22 PEOPLE TO COVER UP INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO A CHILD?
23 WHAT WOULD YOU DO ABOUT THAT?

24



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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, I THINK WE WOULD ASK THE ADVICE OF
2 COUNTY COUNSEL AND PROBABLY MAKE A REFERRAL TO THE APPROPRIATE
3 AUTHORITIES.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** MEANING TO DO WHAT?

6

7 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, BASED UPON WHAT COUNTY COUNSEL'S
8 OPINION WOULD BE, IT COULD BE A NUMBER OF THINGS.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD BE WHAT? HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU DONE THAT? I
11 MEAN YOU DON'T SEEM TO KNOW. HAVE YOU DONE THAT BEFORE?

12

13 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I CAN'T RECALL. I CAN CERTAINLY FIND OUT FOR
14 YOU.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THESE ARE THE REASONS, OKAY? WE'VE ASKED
17 THESE QUESTIONS IN THE PAST. THESE ISSUES COME UP ON A REGULAR
18 BASIS. AND THERE'S A LOT OF THESE AGENCIES THAT REALLY REQUIRE
19 CLOSER SCRUTINY. AND IT JUST IS TROUBLESOME TO ME BECAUSE I
20 JUST FEEL LIKE WE'RE USING A DIFFERENT STANDARD. WE USE ONE
21 STANDARD WITH PARENTS AND WE'RE USING A DIFFERENT STANDARD FOR
22 THESE FOSTER CARE AGENCIES. AND I JUST DON'T THINK THAT'S
23 ACCEPTABLE. BECAUSE IN ORDER FOR US TO HAVE INTEGRITY IN OUR
24 SYSTEM IS THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE THE SAME STANDARD. AND THAT IS
25 TO PROTECT THIS CHILD. AND THAT'S WHAT'S NOT GOING ON. WHEN



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1 YOU HAVE AN AGENCY THAT HAS VIOLATED CHILDREN IN THE PAST AND
2 YOU'RE IN THE PROCESS OF INVESTIGATING AND INVESTIGATING AND
3 IT TAKES A YEAR, IT TAKES TWO YEARS AND SO ON, AND OTHER
4 CHILDREN ARE GOING IN, I THINK WE'RE JEOPARDIZING AND HARMING
5 CHILDREN. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SO MY CONCERN WITH YOUR
6 MOTION IS IT WAS JUST A LITTLE GENERAL IN THAT REGARD. I THINK
7 IF WE TIGHTEN UP THE TIME FRAME. WE TIGHTEN UP THE OUTCOME. I
8 THINK WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE. I HAVE PATIENTLY BEEN
9 WAITING ON THIS. EVER SINCE THE DEATH OF LANCE HELMS I HAVE
10 BEEN PURSUING THESE ISSUES. AND LANCE HELMS DIED I THINK IN
11 1993 IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, '94. AND WE HAD A GRANDMOTHER WHO
12 CAME HERE ON A REGULAR BASIS AND TOLD US THAT WE WERE HARMING
13 THIS CHILD WHERE THE CHILD WAS PLACED. AND IT MADE ME START
14 SCRUTINIZING MANY OF THESE KINDS OF THINGS. AND IN THIS
15 INSTANCE HERE WE GO AGAIN. WE'RE GOING THROUGH THE SAME THING.
16 AND IT ISN'T JUST MORE AUDITS THAT WE NEED BECAUSE WE GET
17 THESE AUDITS DONE NOW. WE GET RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE CLEARLY
18 ENUMERATED BY THE AUDITOR OF WHAT TO DO. AND THEN WE START
19 EITHER AN EASY PAYMENT PLAN, OH YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT,
20 PAY US BACK. BUT WE STILL DON'T HAVE ANY CONCLUSION BECAUSE
21 THE AUDITOR DOES NOT DO AUDITS ON VIOLATIONS OF CHILDREN. YOU
22 DO. THE DEPARTMENT DOES. AND THAT'S WHAT CONTINUES TO BOTHER
23 ME. IT'S ONE THING ABOUT THE FINANCIAL. AND IT'S A SHAME THAT
24 THEY OWE US ALL THAT MONEY. WE SHOULDN'T BE GIVING THEM NEW
25 CONTRACTS WHEN THEY OWE US MONEY. BUT THE WORST PART OF IT IS



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1 THEY VIOLATE CHILDREN, THEY HURT CHILDREN AND WE CONTINUE TO
2 DO BUSINESS WITH THEM. THAT IS THE PROBLEM.

3

4 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WE DO NOT CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS WITH FOSTER
5 PARENTS WHO HARM CHILDREN. THOSE FOSTER PARENTS ARE
6 DECERTIFIED. YOU'RE CORRECT THAT THE AGENCY THAT APPROVES
7 THOSE FOSTER PARENTS MAY CONTINUE WITH A CONTRACT WITH THE
8 COUNTY.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** PHILIP BROWNING, THAT'S WHERE I HAVE THE ISSUE. I
11 FOUND, AND THE ONES THAT WE DECERTIFIED, THAT'S THE ENTIRE
12 FOSTER CARE AGENCY BECAUSE THEY WERE CARELESS IN HOW THEY
13 REVIEWED PARENTS. THEY WERE CARELESS IN HOW THEY REFERRED
14 CHILDREN. WHEN WE EMPOWER THEM WITH MONEY WITH A CONTRACT, WE
15 EXPECT THEM TO BE EFFECTIVE. WE CAN'T JUST SAY OKAY, WE MADE A
16 MISTAKE WITH THAT FOSTER CARE PARENT. WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT
17 YOU USUALLY HAVE TO DO A MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE JOB OF COMING
18 AFTER THEM. ALL I'M SAYING IS: USE THE SAME STANDARD. BECAUSE
19 THESE PARENTS COME TO US AND THERE'S NOTHING WE COULD SAY.
20 THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. YOU'VE MADE A DETERMINATION ALONG
21 WITH THE COURT. AND MY DUTY IS TO HONOR THAT. BUT WHAT I'M
22 CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT NOW I THINK THE SAME DUTY, I HAVE TO
23 MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER RESPONSIBILITY THAT YOU HAVE, WHICH IS
24 TO TAKE CARE OF THESE CHILDREN, YOU CAN'T JUST ISOLATE AND SAY
25 OH, THAT WAS A BAD FOSTER CARE. IT'S THE GROUP HOMES THAT ARE



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1 NOT DOING ALL THE WORK THEY NEED TO DO TO ASSURE US THAT WE
2 ARE CONTRACTING WITH AN AGENCY THAT HAS THE SAME KIND OF
3 INTEGRITY THAT WE EXPECT THEM TO HAVE, AND THAT IS TO KEEP
4 CHILDREN SAFE. AND TO ONLY UTILIZE THIS MONEY, ONLY UTILIZE
5 THIS MONEY FOR CHILDREN NOT TO BUY THEMSELVES A CAR OR TAKE A
6 VACATION TO HAWAII

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
9 THERE ARE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. THERE MAY BE OTHER
10 BOARD MEMBERS WHO WISH TO COMMENT. BUT THERE ARE AMENDMENTS TO
11 BE CONSIDERED FOR THE ITEM BEFORE US, THE FIRST OF WHICH
12 OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS TO HAVE THE REPORT BACK IN 30
13 RATHER THAN 90 DAYS. AND PHILIP BROWNING? MISS WATANABE, I
14 WOULD ASK THAT YOU NOT LEAVE. THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE
15 C.E.O.'S OFFICE? I'M SORRY. THEY MAY. THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM
16 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE WHO DEALS WITH THESE ISSUES, I'D LIKE THAT
17 PERSON TO BE HERE, AS WELL. BECAUSE INSTRUCTIONS ADDRESS
18 THEMSELVES TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS
19 WELL AS THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. WHO IS
20 TRACKING THIS FOR THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE? IS THAT PERSON HERE?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** HE'S OVER IN THE CORNER. HE'LL BE SITTING DOWN
23 SHORTLY, SIR.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE FIRST AMENDMENT IS TO REPORT
2 BACK IN 30 DAYS RATHER THAN 90. DISCUSS OUTLINE HOW D.C.F.S.
3 WILL PERFORM ANNUAL PROGRAMMATIC AUDITS FOR ALL OF THE FOSTER
4 FAMILY AGENCIES AND GROUP HOMES WHICH PROVIDE HOMES TO
5 DEPENDENT CHILDREN. ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE IS ANNUAL AUDITS HAVE
6 NOT BEEN PERFORMED OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, THEN STATE WHICH
7 HAD FOR EACH AGENCY AND EACH GROUP HOME. IF WE MOVE TO C,
8 STATEWIDE D.C.F.S. AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAVE NOT
9 COLLABORATED TO PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT REPORT DURING
10 THE YEARS IN WHICH THE FISCAL AND PROGRAMMATIC AUDITS OVERLAP.
11 FINALLY, CLARIFY THE STATUS OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM AND EFFORTS
12 USED TO TRACK AND COLLECT OVERPAYMENTS TO CONTRACTING
13 AGENCIES. AMENDED LANGUAGE WOULD READ "AND PRESENT THE BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS WITH A COLLECTION POLICY RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE
15 A MORE TIMELY REPAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR OVERPAYMENTS AND
16 DISALLOWED COSTS THAN THE CURRENT PRACTICE." THOSE ARE THE
17 ITEMS THAT CONSTITUTE THE AMENDING LANGUAGE.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD I ADD ONE? AS LONG AS IT'S ACCEPTABLE WITH
24 YOU. SINCE I'VE BEEN AFTER THIS ISSUE FOR SO LONG, COULD WE
25 ASK ALSO DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME IF COUNTY COUNSEL COULD



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1 COME UP WITH LANGUAGE THAT WE COULD INSERT IN THE CONTRACT
2 THAT WOULD CLEARLY ALLOW US TO END THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM
3 WHEN WE FIND A CONTRACT VIOLATION SO THAT IT'S MORE
4 ENFORCEABLE THAN IT IS TODAY. MAYBE THEY CAN COME UP WITH JUST
5 THE RIGHT LANGUAGE FOR IT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S CERTAINLY ACCEPTABLE TO
8 ME AS THE MAKER OF THE MOTION. MR. FUJIOKA?

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** EXCUSE ME, SIR. WITH RESPECT TO YOUR D. AS IT
11 RELATES TO TRACKING AND COLLECTING OVERPAYMENTS OF CONTRACTING
12 AGENCIES, IF WE CAN ADD OUR TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR TO THAT
13 ITEM, PLEASE? BECAUSE HIS OFFICE HAS THE PRINCIPAL
14 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COLLECTIONS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AS APPROPRIATE, THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** JUST A FOLLOW-UP ON SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S REQUEST, I
23 THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, BUT DON'T WE'VE -- I GUESS THE PIECE
24 I DON'T UNDERSTAND, DON'T WE HAVE "TERMINATE FOR CONVENIENCE"



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1 IN THERE RIGHT NOW. EVERYBODY IS MAKING IT SO DIFFICULT. MAYBE
2 WE NEED TO DEFINE "CONVENIENCE".

3

4 **JOHN KRATTLI:** I BELIEVE THE CONTRACTS, PRETTY MUCH ALL COUNTY
5 CONTRACTS HAVE A TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE CLAUSE CONSISTENT
6 WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S PROPOSED ADDITIONAL MOTION. MY OFFICE
7 WILL CERTAINLY LOOK AT WHAT ADDITIONAL CONTRACT LANGUAGE WE
8 COULD --

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** MAYBE YOU COULD SPECIFY WHAT CONVENIENCE MEANS?
11 LIKE NOT PAYING YOUR BILLS? NOT TREATING CHILDREN CORRECTLY? I
12 MEAN SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, I THINK IT'S FAIR TO
15 SUGGEST THAT THERE MIGHT BE A COMPELLING ARGUMENT TO MAKE WHY
16 THERE'S A DIFFERENT STANDARD AS IT RELATES TO THE NATURE OF
17 THESE CONTRACTS. TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, MR.
18 KRATTLI, YOU SHOULD INTERPRET THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BE BRINGING
19 BACK THAT WHICH RAISES THE BAR IN TERMS OF HOW THESE GROUP
20 HOMES AND THE LIKE HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH, THESE F.F.A.S, HOW
21 THEY HAVE TO BE MONITORED. GOING BACK TO THE POINTS, SO WE
22 ACCEPT YOUR AMENDMENT AND YOUR REFINEMENT, YOUR AMENDMENT,
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, AND YOUR REFINEMENT, SUPERVISOR KNABE. BUT
24 GOING BACK TO THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE. THERE IS A SYSTEMIC
25 PROBLEM IN TERMS OF FISCAL AUDITS AND PROGRAMMATIC REVIEWS



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1 BEING OFF CYCLE. SO WE HAVE A SITUATION HERE THAT ESSENTIALLY
2 REDUCES ITSELF TO THE FOLLOWING: THE LEFT HAND DOESN'T
3 NECESSARILY KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT HAND IS DOING. AND IN THE
4 MEANTIME, YOU HAVE A CIRCUMSTANCE IN WHICH THE AGENCIES ARE
5 NOT PERFORMING AND WE ARE NOT FINDING THAT OUT AND BAD THINGS
6 ARE HAPPENING OWING TO OUR LACK OF EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT AND
7 MONITORING. NOW THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER SHOULD GIVE
8 EXPLANATION, I THINK, TO THE ROLE YOU PLAY IN THIS AND THE
9 FREQUENCY WITH WHICH THE WORK IS DONE. YOU CALLED TO MY
10 ATTENTION THAT WHICH IS REPRESENTED IN THE NEWS REPORT IS
11 INACCURATE OR MISLEADING AS IT RELATES TO THE ROLE OF THE
12 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE. I WISH FOR YOU TO DIRECT YOUR
13 COMMENTS TO THAT VERY POINT. MISS WATANABE.

14

15 **WENDY WATANABE:** SORRY. IN TERMS OF COMMENTING? I'M SORRY, I
16 DIDN'T HEAR.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL REPEAT IT, MISS WATANABE.

19

20 **WENDY WATANABE:** THANK YOU, SIR.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE FIRST THING I SAID WAS THAT
23 WE HAVE A SYSTEMIC PROBLEM. IN TERMS OF THE FISCAL AUDITS AS
24 DISTINGUISHED FROM THE PROGRAMMATIC REVIEWS. THEY ARE NOT
25 ALIGNED, THEREFORE THE LACK OF COORDINATION WITH THE FISCAL



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1 AUDITS AND THE PROGRAMMATIC REVIEWS MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO
2 EFFECTIVELY MONITOR THE AGENCIES IN QUESTION. THEN I ASKED YOU
3 TO ADDRESS YOURSELF TO THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED IN THE
4 RECENT MEDIA REPORT ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
5 AND THE FREQUENCY OF THE AUDITS AS WELL AS THE NATURE OF THOSE
6 AUDITS. AND I THINK YOU CALLED IT TO MY ATTENTION THAT L.A.
7 COUNTY IS UNIQUE IN THE SENSE OF ITS FUNCTION IN THIS REGARD,
8 AS WELL. CLEAR?

9

10 **WENDY WATANABE:** YES. THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SUPERVISORS, WENDY
11 WATANABE, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. FIRST LET ME EXPLAIN VERY
12 QUICKLY THE PROCESS. AROUND SIX, SEVEN YEARS AGO, DUE TO THE
13 ISSUES THAT WERE BROUGHT FORWARD BY SOME OF THE AUDITS AND
14 SOME OF THE PROGRAM AUDITS, THE TWO DEPARTMENTS, D.C.F.S. AND
15 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AS WELL AS THE CHILDREN'S DEPUTIES OFF OF
16 THE AUDIT COMMITTEE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS THESE ISSUES WERE
17 DISCUSSED AND I THINK PHILIP BROWNING HAD DISCUSSED THAT
18 EARLIER. AND THERE IS A TRACKING MECHANISM THAT'S CURRENTLY IN
19 PLACE. THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.
20 AND TO TALK ABOUT THE COLLECTION EFFORTS AND ANY TYPE OF
21 OUTSTANDING BALANCE. AND SO BOTH DEPARTMENTS ARE INFORMING
22 EACH OTHER IN TERMS OF ALL THESE PROGRAM ISSUES OR FISCAL
23 CONCERNS. NOW, IN TERMS OF THE EXECUTION, PHILIP BROWNING
24 INDICATED THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY TRACKING OF ABOUT A MILLION
25 DOLLARS OUTSTANDING AMOUNT. NOW, THE CHILDREN'S DEPUTIES HAVE



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1 BEEN ON TOP OF IT BECAUSE THEY ARE RAISING MANY ISSUES DURING
2 THESE QUARTERLY MEETINGS. SO THE CURRENT PLAN, IT'S ALREADY
3 THERE. NOW WHETHER WE CAN IMPROVE UPON IT, ABSOLUTELY VIA YOUR
4 MOTION, WE WILL BE REGROUPING WITH THE C.E.O. AS WELL AS
5 D.C.F.S. AND WE WILL BE IMPROVING THE CURRENT PLAN.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT ABOUT THE ASSERTION THAT IT
8 HAPPENS ONCE IN A DECADE? HOW IS IT THAT YOU CLAIM THAT IT'S
9 WORKING REASONABLY EFFECTIVE WAY NOW WHEN THE ASSERTION IS
10 MADE THAT THESE AUDITS TAKE PLACE ONCE EVERY 10 YEARS? IS THAT
11 ACCURATE? IS IT INACCURATE?

12

13 **WENDY WATANABE:** THE STATEMENT IS A LITTLE BIT MISLEADING.
14 GRANTED THAT, YES, THE LAST TIME WE AUDITED THEM, IT WAS -- OR
15 COMPLETED AN AUDIT WAS IN 2003. BUT IN 2010 WE BEGAN ANOTHER
16 AUDIT. NOW, IF I MAY, THERE ARE ABOUT 150 CURRENT ACTIVE
17 CONTRACTS IN GROUP HOMES AND THE FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES. AND
18 CURRENTLY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER PERFORMS ABOUT 10 TO 12 PER
19 CONDUCT THE AUDIT PER YEAR. SO IF YOU TALK ABOUT
20 MATHEMATICALLY, IT WILL TAKE ABOUT 10 YEARS TO FINISH THE
21 ENTIRE CYCLE. SO SINCE WE KNOW WE HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES WE
22 KNOW WE HAVE LIMITED STAFFING, AND THEREFORE WE COORDINATED
23 WITH THE DEPARTMENT, WITH D.C.F.S., AND WE WILL LOOK AT THE
24 RISK. SO THEY WILL REFER TO US ANY AGENCIES THAT REQUIRE MORE
25 OR FASTER TURN-AROUND RATHER THAN THIS EVERY 10 YEARS. NOW,



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1 THEREFORE, IN 2010, AND SOMETIME IN AUGUST, WE BEGIN ANOTHER
2 FISCAL AUDIT OF THE AGENCY. NOW, I WANT TO POINT OUT, EARLIER
3 YOU HAD MENTIONED THE AUDIT WITHIN L.A. COUNTY OF THESE
4 CONTRACTORS TO GROUP HOME AND THE F.F.A.S, L.A. COUNTY AS FAR
5 AS WE KNOW IS THE ONLY COUNTY THAT IS CURRENTLY PERFORMING
6 THIS TYPE OF AUDIT AND THE PROGRAM AUDIT AS WELL AS THE FISCAL
7 AUDIT. NONE OF THE OTHER COUNTIES ARE DOING THIS. AND I THINK
8 IT WAS THE ACCOUNTABILITY THAT YOUR BOARD WISHES TO PLACE ON
9 THESE AGENCIES SO YOU DIRECTED US AND THE DEPARTMENT TO
10 PERFORM THESE AUDITS. BUT YOU SPEND THE MONEY TO DO SO AND THE
11 DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO IT AND WE RESPONDED TO IT, AS WELL.

12
13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO IF THE OTHER AGENCIES IN THE
14 OTHER COUNTIES DON'T DO IT, WHO DOES IT? OR IS IT DONE AT ALL?

15
16 **WENDY WATANABE:** THEY RELY ON THE -- BECAUSE IT IS A STATE-
17 FUNDED PROGRAM, IT WAS DONE BY THE STATE AUDITORS. SO YOU HAVE
18 58 COUNTIES THAT ARE DOING THEIR OWN, OR NOT DOING ANY AUDITS.
19 AND AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THE STATE AUDITORS HAS VERY LIMITED
20 RESOURCES. SO I DON'T THINK THEY'RE EVEN LOOKING AT SOME OF
21 THE CONTRACTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY WITHIN OTHER COUNTIES.

22
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, PHILIP BROWNING. THE
24 ALLOCATION TO SUPPORT THE AUDITS OF F.A.A.S [F.F.A.S] ON THE



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1 PART OF YOUR DEPARTMENT, CAN YOU GIVE THE BOARD INDICATION OF
2 WHAT THAT ALLOCATION IS?

3

4 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK WE HAVE A PAYMENT THAT'S MADE TO THE
5 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER OF A FAIRLY MODEST AMOUNT, 700,000, WHICH
6 ALLOWS THEM TO DO AUDITS. WE HAVE IN-HOUSE ABOUT 14 PEOPLE
7 WHOSE FULL-TIME JOB IS TO DO PROGRAMMATIC AUDITS OF PROVIDERS,
8 GROUP HOMES AND F.F.A.S. ONE THING I DO WANT TO COMMEND YOU ON
9 AND THE BOARD IS FOR PROVIDING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO LOOK
10 AT A DIFFERENT WAY OF DOING BUSINESS IN TERMS OF MONITORING,
11 NOT JUST PROGRAMMATIC BUT FISCAL. ONE OF THE THINGS WE DO IS
12 LOOK AT THE C.P.A. AUDITS WHICH ARE REALLY TRADITIONALLY
13 REQUIRED BY EACH ONE OF THE AGENCIES. SO OUR OFFICE, BEFORE WE
14 SIGN A CONTRACT, WE LOOK TO SEE IF THE C.P.A. HAS LOOKED AT
15 THE PROVIDER AND WHAT THEIR FINDINGS ARE. I'VE ASKED SOME OF
16 OUR STAFF TO TALK TO THE CASEY FOUNDATION AND TO OTHER
17 JURISDICTIONS TO SEE MAYBE THERE ARE IDEAS THAT WE HAVEN'T
18 THOUGHT OF THAT WOULD HELP US IN THIS MONITORING EFFORT, BOTH
19 THE PROGRAM AND THE FINANCIALS. I DO THINK 30 DAYS IS A PRETTY
20 SHORT TIME FRAME BUT I'M CONFIDENT WE WILL COME BACK WITH SOME
21 IDEAS MAYBE THAT WE HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
22 ALLOWS STATES TO SELF-AUDIT AND SEND THOSE AUDITS INTO THE
23 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMES ON A SPORADIC
24 BASIS AND FINDS AN ERROR IF THE STATE HAS OVERLOOKED
25 SOMETHING. THE PENALTY TO THE STATE IS HUGE. SO WE MAY WORK IN



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1 A MANNER THAT'S DIFFERENT THAN THE WAY WE'VE BEEN DOING
2 BUSINESS. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD ALL BE OPEN TO
3 LOOKING AT THINGS THAT WE HAVEN'T DONE BEFORE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IS IT YOUR THOUGHT THAT THE
6 AMOUNT OF ALLOCATION OR THE ALLOCATION NEEDS TO BE INCREASED
7 SO THAT THE ALIGNMENT WITH THE PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW AND THE
8 FISCAL AUDIT IS IN SYNC SO THAT IN REAL TIME WE'RE SEEING
9 WHAT'S GOING ON ON THE FISCAL SIDE OF THE OPERATION OF THE
10 F.A.A.S [F.F.A.S] AND THE PROGRAMMATIC SIDE OF THE F.A.A.S
11 [F.F.A.S] AND THE GROUP HOMES AND THE FOSTER HOMES, AS WELL?
12 IS THERE A RESOURCE ISSUE HERE IN TERMS OF THE ALLOCATION FROM
13 D.C.F.S. TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER?

14

15 **PHILIP BROWNING:** IT'S A RESOURCE ISSUE BECAUSE IF WE WERE TO
16 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR AUDITS, WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE IT
17 FROM AN EXISTING CONTRACT OR AN EXISTING SERVICE. SO WE WOULD
18 WANT TO TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION, PARTICULARLY DURING THIS
19 30 DAYS WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT A NEW WAY OF POSSIBLY
20 OPERATING.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES. LET ME VENTURE TO SAY THAT
23 THAT WHICH IS BEING DONE CURRENTLY IS SIMPLY INADEQUATE. IT'S
24 BROKEN AND SIMPLY NEEDS TO BE FIXED. AND IF THE FIX IS TO
25 INCREASE THE AUDITING CAPACITY IN ADDITION TO BRINGING IT IN



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1 ALIGNMENT SO THAT YOU HAVE FISCAL AND PROGRAMMATIC AUDITS
2 HAPPENING CONCURRENTLY OR SIMULTANEOUSLY, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME
3 THAT WILL HELP US INCREASE OUR ACCOUNTABILITY.

4

5 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I AGREE 100 PERCENT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PHILIP BROWNING, THE FINAL
8 QUESTION TO YOU. A NUMBER MUCH STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE
9 PUBLICLY ABOUT THE NUMBER OF F.A.A.S [F.F.A.S], THE NUMBER OF
10 CHILDREN IN GROUP HOMES AND FOSTER HOMES. I THINK THE ARTICLE
11 THAT WAS REFERRED TO TALKS ABOUT 131 FACILITIES. CAN YOU
12 CORROBORATE ANY OF THESE? OVER A THOUSAND YOUNGSTERS I THINK
13 IS THE OTHER REFERENCE? DOES YOUR DATA SUPPORT THAT? BECAUSE
14 AS NEAR AS I CAN TELL FROM WHAT HAS BEEN SUPPLIED BY YOUR
15 OFFICE, THERE IS AN INCONSISTENCY OF CONSEQUENCE HERE. CAN YOU
16 ADDRESS YOURSELF TO THAT? THE BOARD NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT IS, IN
17 FACT, THE CASE. AND, FRANKLY, I THINK WE ARE OBLIGED TO- WE
18 SHOULD HAVE THE APPROPRIATE EXPECTATION THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT
19 CAN ACCURATELY PORTRAY WHAT'S GOING ON IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER
20 OF F.A.A.S [F.F.A.S], THE NUMBER OF GROUP HOMES, THE NUMBER OF
21 FOSTER HOMES AND THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THOSE. YOU'RE
22 OBLIGED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT ACCURATELY. I DO NOT THINK
23 THE BOARD SHOULD RELY ON DATA THAT'S REPORTED IN THE PRESS,
24 WHICH IS NOT NECESSARILY SOURCED AS IS THE CASE IN THIS
25 INSTANCE.



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2 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I AGREE. I THINK YOU'RE SPECIFICALLY TALKING
3 ABOUT THE ARTICLE IN THE PAPER RECENTLY.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

6

7 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WHERE THERE ARE SOME NUMBERS THAT WERE GIVEN.
8 THOSE ARE NOT THE NUMBERS I WOULD SHOW TODAY. BECAUSE WE'RE
9 LOOKING AT A POINT IN TIME. AS OF APRIL 29, 2013, THE FACILITY
10 THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS HAVE 82
11 CHILDREN PLACED WITH THAT FACILITY, WHICH HAS 42 CERTIFIED
12 HOMES. SO IF YOU LOOK OVER A YEAR, THOSE NUMBERS OF CHILDREN,
13 DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS MIGHT BE SEVERAL HUNDRED. IF YOU LOOK
14 OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD, I THINK WE HAD PROVIDED SOMETHING TO
15 YOUR BOARD EARLIER, FOR THAT PARTICULAR FACILITY WAS 369. SO
16 IT'S ALL IN WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT. THE TIME FRAME THAT YOU'RE
17 LOOKING AT. SO TODAY THEY HAVE -- OR A DAY AGO THEY HAD 42
18 CERTIFIED FOSTER FAMILY -- FOSTER PARENTS WITH 82 CHILDREN.
19 SOMEBODY MIGHT HAVE LEFT TODAY. A CHILD MIGHT HAVE BEEN
20 BROUGHT IN LAST NIGHT THAT WOULDN'T BE IN THAT COUNT. SO IT
21 DEPENDS ON HOW YOU COUNT THOSE NUMBERS. IF YOU'RE COUNTING
22 THEM AS SEPARATE ENTITIES, THEN YOU HAVE TO PICK A POINT IN
23 TIME. OVER A PERIOD OF A YEAR, THERE MIGHT BE 10 NEW FOSTER
24 PARENTS THAT WOULD JOIN THAT F.F.A. THERE MIGHT BE FIVE THAT
25 DROP OUT. SO THAT'S A NUMBER THAT'S CONTINUALLY CHANGING.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, BUT THE REPRESENTATION THAT
3 IT'S OVER 1,000, YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO THE BOARD
4 AND CORROBORATE THAT SO THAT WE KNOW FROM THIS DEPARTMENT HOW
5 MANY CHILDREN WE ARE ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT AND THE
6 METHODOLOGY BY WHICH YOU DERIVE AT THAT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR.
7 AND WE SHOULD NOT BE DEPENDENT ON OR TAKING OUR LEAD FROM A
8 REPRESENTATION IN THE PRESS THAT WE CANNOT VERIFY.

9

10 **PHILIP BROWNING:** OKAY. WE CAN GET BACK TO YOU THOSE SPECIFIC
11 NUMBERS. FOR 2011, WE HAD 369 CHILDREN, DIFFERENT CHILDREN IN
12 THOSE FACILITIES. WE CAN GIVE YOU THAT. IT WILL TAKE US A DAY
13 OR TWO TO PULL THAT INFORMATION.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M INTERESTED IN ACCURACY ON
16 THE PART OF THE MEDIA REPORTS. I'M INTERESTED IN ACCURACY ON
17 THE PART OF YOUR DEPARTMENT. AND IT NEEDS TO BE SOURCED.
18 C.E.O.'S OFFICE, YOUR ROLE? SIR?

19

20 **DAVID SIDENFELD:** YES. MY NAME IS DAVID SIDENFELD FROM THE
21 C.E.O.'S OFFICE. I'M THE MANAGER OVER THE CHILDREN AND WELL-
22 BEING CLUSTER. SO MY WORK IS TO WORK HAND-IN-HAND WITH THE
23 AUDITOR AND D.C.F.S. TO COME UP WITH A 30 DAY REPORT BACK TO
24 THE BOARD AND TO TRY TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THIS CRITICAL
25 AREA.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: ANY WORK YOU HAVE DONE IN TERMS OF THE AERIAL VIEW OF THE F.A.A.S [F.F.A.S] SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR SO THAT WE HAVE A CLEAR SENSE THAT THE ACCOUNTABILITY THAT THE BOARD IS EXPECTING IS BROUGHT TO BEAR BY THE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES AS WELL AS THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE HAS TO BE A STRONGER CONNECT IN ORDER FOR US TO HEIGHTEN THE LEVEL OF OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY AS WELL AS THE ACCURACY WITH RESPECT TO THE DATA. WE OFTEN, TOO OFTEN, HAVE A DATA PROBLEM. I DON'T KNOW HOW THE BOARD IS EXPECTED TO MAKE THE KIND OF DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE ABSENT THAT. BAD DATA? BAD OUTCOMES. SO WHEN THE REPORT COMES BACK IN 30 DAYS, THE EXPECTATION WOULD BE THAT YOU DIRECT YOURSELVES TO THAT AND SHARE ALL THE INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE WITH EACH OTHER SO THAT WE CAN GET A GOOD STRONG, COORDINATED, EFFECTIVE REPORT. MR. YAROSLAVSKY. THEN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

19

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: YES. I HAVE TWO LINES OF QUESTIONING. ONE IS JUST TO REFRESH OUR COLLECTIVE MEMORIES ON THE FOSTER CARE MONITORING ISSUE. MUST BE TWO OR THREE MONTHS AGO NOW THAT I ASKED PHILIP BROWNING TO PROVIDE US WITH A WHAT HE WOULD NEED IN THE WAY OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR MONITORING F.F.A.S AND GROUP HOME F.F.A.S IN OUR SYSTEM. THERE WAS SOME CONCERN THAT



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1 WE WOULD BE DOING THE WORK THAT THE STATE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE
2 DOING. THERE WAS SOME RESISTANCE TO THE IDEA AT FIRST. I THINK
3 PHILIP MADE THE CASE THAT WHILE THE STATE IS PRINCIPALLY
4 RESPONSIBLE, SO ARE WE. AND FOR HIM TO BE ABLE TO DO HIS JOB
5 EFFECTIVELY TO HAVE A REAL-TIME ACCOUNTABILITY OF GROUP HOMES
6 AND F.F.A.S WHERE THERE CLEARLY IS A HOLE OR A CRACK THROUGH
7 WHICH A LOT OF CASES ARE FALLING THROUGH, THAT WE NEEDED
8 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. WE ASKED HIM TO COME BACK A WEEK OR TWO
9 LATER, WHICH HE DID, WITH A PROPOSAL. I CAN'T RECALL PRECISELY
10 THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS YOU WERE ASKING FOR, SIX OR SEVEN,
11 WHATEVER IT WAS. AND IT WAS PUT OVER UNTIL FINAL CHANGES IN
12 JUNE. MY RECOMMENDATION, IN LIGHT OF THIS MOTION AND IN LIGHT
13 OF THE CONCERN THAT'S BEEN EXPRESSED BY THE BOARD TODAY IS
14 THAT WE ASK THE C.E.O. TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY WHEN WE NEXT COME
15 BACK AFTER OUR TRIP TO WASHINGTON THAT YOU COME BACK WITH A
16 PROPOSAL. WE WORK IT OUT BETWEEN NOW AND THEN WITH PHILIP
17 BROWNING WITH A PROPOSAL TO MOVE SWIFTLY TO ADD THE SIX OR
18 SEVEN POSITIONS, WHATEVER THAT NUMBER IS, TO DIMINISH THIS
19 NUMBER GIVEN WHAT THE STAKES ARE. AND NOT WAIT UNTIL FINAL
20 CHANGES IN JUNE. I ARGUED BEFORE AND I'LL ARGUE AGAIN TODAY
21 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES DOES NOT
22 HAVE THE RESOURCES CURRENTLY TO DO THE KIND OF FULL COURT
23 PRESS ON THESE F.F.A.S AND GROUP HOMES THAT WE DEMAND. AND I
24 SAY WE DEMAND IS A DOUBLE ENTENDRE, THAT WE AND THE BOARD
25 DEMAND THAT THEY DO. BUT THAT WE, THE BOARD, SHOULD DEMAND



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1 INSTEAD OF BEATING OURSELVES UP AND BEATING OUR CHESTS EVERY
2 TIME THERE'S ANOTHER REVELATION. THIS PARTICULAR CASE THAT
3 PROMPTED YOUR MOTION, I ASSUME, WHICH I WANT TO GET TO IN A
4 MINUTE, IS YEARS OLD, IT'S YEARS OLD. AND IT WILL SERVE US
5 ABSOLUTELY NO PURPOSE TO DEBATE HOW MANY -- WHETHER THE
6 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAS THE STAFF, DOESN'T HAVE THE STAFF.
7 WHETHER THE D.C.F.S. IS PAYING THEM ENOUGH TO DO THE AUDITS,
8 HOW MANY AUDITS CAN THEY DO? WHEN REALLY, WE SHOULDN'T BE
9 WAITING FOR THE AUDITOR -- D.C.F.S. SHOULD NOT BE WAITING FOR
10 THE AUDITOR TO DO AN AUDIT, HOWEVER OFTEN THEY DO IT, ONCE
11 EVERY 10 YEARS OR ONCE EVERY 100 YEARS, HE'S GOT TO BE DOING
12 IT. D.C.F.S. HAS GOT TO BE DOING IT EVERY DAY IN REAL TIME.
13 HE'S GOT TO BE OUT THERE MONITORING THESE AGENCIES LIKE YOU
14 MONITOR OTHER PARTNERS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR SYSTEM. I'M NOT
15 SURE SIX OR SEVEN ADDITIONAL PEOPLE WILL GET YOU THERE,
16 PHILIP. BUT I THINK IT'S A START. AND I THINK WE NEED TO GET
17 THAT GOING ON MAY THE 14TH WHICH IS THE NEXT TIME WE WILL
18 MEET. SO I WOULD ASK MR. CHAIRMAN IF YOU WOULD JUST
19 INCORPORATE THAT OR AS A SIDEBAR INTO YOUR MOTION, AND WE
20 COULD HAVE THAT BACK TO US AT THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION FOR
21 APPROVAL. THE SECOND THING I WANT TO GO OVER IS: I'M TROUBLED,
22 MISS WATANABE. I DON'T HAVE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS. THIS
23 AUDIT OR SERIES OF AUDITS OR ONE DECADE-LONG AUDIT OF THIS
24 AGENCY THAT'S IN QUESTION HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE 2003. I HAVE
25 THE ORIGINAL MEMORANDUM OR LETTER FROM YOUR PREDECESSOR, TYLER



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1 MCCAULEY, DECEMBER 10, 2003. IT'S ALMOST 9-1/2 YEARS AGO IN
2 WHICH IT SAYS "WE IDENTIFIED 23,000 DOLLARS PLUS IN
3 EXPENDITURES THAT DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION, HAS
4 SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS MUCH LIABILITIES. THE AGENCY HAS
5 SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF LIABILITIES OWED TO CALIFORNIA
6 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
7 THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE TEEN'S FINANCIAL VIABILITY." THAT WAS IN
8 DECEMBER OF 2003. WE ARE NOW ON APRIL 30, VIRTUALLY MAY OF
9 2013, AND YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETED THIS YET.

10

11 **WENDY WATANABE:** NO, SIR, THE 2003 WAS COMPLETED. AND IN 2010,
12 AUGUST, WE STARTED ANOTHER AUDIT, THE FISCAL AUDIT. SO THERE
13 ARE TWO SEPARATE ONES.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. SO WHAT IS THE REASON THAT IN THE
16 AUDIT, EITHER AUDIT, THE AUDIT YOU STARTED IN 2010 OR THE
17 PREVIOUS AUDITS, WHAT IS THE REASON THAT IT HAS TAKEN THIS
18 LONG, GIVEN THE HISTORY OF THIS AGENCY, TO COMPLETE THE
19 PACKAGE?

20

21 **WENDY WATANABE:** YES, SIR. STARTED IN 2010 OF AUGUST, WE BEGAN
22 LOOKING AT THE AGENCY ONE MORE TIME AT THE REQUEST OF D.C.F.S.
23 AND EARLIER I HAD MENTIONED THAT BECAUSE OF THE STAFFING AND
24 THE CYCLICAL AUDIT, SO WE HAVE ABOUT THREE AND ONE-HALF STAFF
25 THAT'S CURRENTLY ASSIGNED IN THE AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT TO



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1 PERFORM THE FISCAL AUDIT OF F.F.A.S AND THE GROUP HOMES. SO
2 SOMETIME IN JULY 2010, AND THE COURSE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO
3 YEARS, WE HAVE RECEIVED VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS IN ADDITION TO THE
4 FISCAL REVIEW THAT WE WERE CURRENTLY PERFORMING. AND EVERY
5 ALLEGATION THAT WE RECEIVED COULD BE COMING FROM THE FRAUD
6 HOTLINE THAT'S UNDER THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, OR IT COULD BE
7 FROM ONE OF THE BOARD OFFICES. AND WE TAKE IT VERY SERIOUSLY.
8 SO WHAT WE DID IS WE WILL OBTAIN FURTHER DOCUMENTATION FROM
9 THE AGENCY. AND SOMETIMES THAT TAKES A LONG TIME. SO THERE'S
10 DOCUMENTATION WE'RE TRYING TO GATHER AND TRYING TO VALIDATE
11 ANY TYPE OF FISCAL WRONGDOING OR SUBSTANTIATE ANY OF THE
12 PROBLEMS. THIS AUDIT, I HAVE TO ADMIT, IT'S NOT THE NORMAL
13 AUDIT, THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT IT TOOK. THIS ONE IS LONGER.
14 AND IT HAS VARIETY OF REASONS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE THE REASONS?

17

18 **WENDY WATANABE:** WE RECEIVED NEW ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS FROM
19 TWO INFORMANTS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT DID YOU HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION EVEN
22 BEFORE YOU HAD THE ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS, DID YOU HAVE ENOUGH
23 INFORMATION TO COME TO CONCLUDE THAT THERE WERE PROBLEMS WITH
24 THIS AGENCY?

25



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1 **WENDY WATANABE:** YES. YES.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEMS WERE FISCAL?
4 PROGRAMMATIC, OR BOTH?

5

6 **WENDY WATANABE:** MORE FISCAL ON OUR PART, YEAH.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FISCAL IRREGULARITIES.

9

10 **WENDY WATANABE:** CORRECT. MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD, I'M SORRY. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **WENDY WATANABE:** PAYING SOMEBODY THAT THE PERSON HAS BEEN OFF,
15 HAD MEDICAL REASONS. I CAN'T GET INTO THE DETAILS OF THE
16 ALLEGATION.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FAIR ENOUGH. MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

19

20 **WENDY WATANABE:** CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** POTENTIALLY ILLEGAL USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

23

24 **WENDY WATANABE:** RIGHT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DIDN'T YOU OR DID YOU REFER ANY OF THESE
2 FINDINGS THAT YOUR OFFICE HAD MADE, NOT ALLEGATIONS THAT HAD
3 BEEN MADE THROUGH THE HOTLINE BUT WHICH YOU HAD CONFIRMED IN
4 YOUR OWN WORK PRODUCT, WHY DIDN'T YOU REFER THIS OR DID YOU
5 REFER THIS TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?

6

7 **WENDY WATANABE:** BECAUSE USUALLY THE ISSUES THAT WE REFER TO
8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS IF THERE IS IMPLIED FRAUD. AND AT THIS
9 POINT WE WERE STILL TRYING TO FINISH UP WE DON'T REALLY JUST
10 PACKAGE EVERYTHING AND TURN IT TO THE D.A. AT THE ONSET. THERE
11 IS A LOT OF RESEARCH THAT WE HAVE TO DO AND WE HAVE TO REVIEW.
12 BECAUSE YOU ARE IMPLYING FRAUD. SO AT THIS POINT WE HAVE NOT
13 REACHED TO THAT POINT YET. WE ARE AT THE VERY TAIL END OF OUR
14 RESEARCH AND FINISHING UP OUR REVIEW. SO WE WILL BE MAKING
15 THAT DECISION FAIRLY QUICKLY TO TURN IT OVER TO THE D.A. FOR
16 FURTHER PROSECUTION OR NOT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN ABOUT OR IDENTIFIED
19 PROBLEMS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE REFERRED TO THE DISTRICT
20 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE? OR THAT COULD BE FRAUDULENT? YOU STARTED
21 THIS PARTICULAR AUDIT IN 2010. WHEN DID YOU UNCOVER THINGS
22 THAT WERE PROBLEMATIC?

23

24 **WENDY WATANABE:** SOMETIME IN JULY JULY 2012.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO 10 MONTHS AGO.

2

3 **WENDY WATANABE:** CORRECT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU SPENT TWO YEARS AUDITING THIS AGENCY AND
6 IN JULY OF 2012 WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU IDENTIFIED THINGS
7 THAT WERE PROBLEMATIC FROM A LEGAL POINT OF VIEW, POTENTIAL
8 FRAUD, WHATEVER.

9

10 **WENDY WATANABE:** RIGHT. WELL, THE ALLEGATIONS AT VARIOUS STAGES
11 OF VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS CAME BETWEEN JULY 2010 AND 2012. NOW,
12 THESE ALLEGATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN PLACE, WE PROBABLY WOULD
13 WRAP UP THE INITIAL REPORT OF 2010. SO THESE ADDITIONAL
14 ALLEGATIONS PROLONGED THE PROCESS BECAUSE EVERY ONE OF THEM WE
15 HAVE TO REVIEW. WE HAVE TO INVESTIGATE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THE INITIAL ALLEGATIONS THAT YOU HAD IN
18 2010 AND BETWEEN 2010 AND 2012, DID ANY OF THOSE ALLEGATIONS,
19 BEFORE YOU HAD THE ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS, PROVE OUT TO BE --
20 EXCUSE ME -- DID THEY PROVE OUT TO BE PROBLEMATIC? ANY OF THE
21 ONES BETWEEN 2010 AND 2012?

22

23 **WENDY WATANABE:** THERE IS A LOT OF FISCAL OVERLAPPING, THE
24 ISSUES THAT WE DISCOVERED OVERLAPPED WITH OUR AUDIT, THE SCOPE
25 OF OUR FINANCIAL AUDIT. SO THAT'S WHY WE KEEP ACCUMULATING AND



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1 KEEP WORKING IT AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT. SO WE REQUIRE -- WE
2 HAD TO ACQUIRE MORE INFORMATION FROM THE AGENCY, FROM VARIOUS
3 PARTIES WHO MADE THE ALLEGATION. SO IT WAS MORE COMPLICATED.
4 MORE COMPLICATED THAN WE ANTICIPATED.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN THE AUDIT THAT YOU STARTED IN 2003, WHAT
7 WAS THE FOLLOW UP THAT YOUR OFFICE UNDERTOOK AS A RESULT OF
8 THE FINDINGS YOU MADE IN THAT AUDIT?

9

10 **WENDY WATANABE:** ORDINARILY AT THE TIME OF CLOSING OUT THE
11 REPORT, AND THAT WAS BACK IN 2003, WE WOULD HAVE RECEIVED A
12 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FROM THE AUDITEE. AND THIS PARTICULAR
13 REVIEW IN 2003, AT THE TIME OF CLOSING OUT, THE AUDITEE DID
14 NOT HAVE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN, SO AT THAT TIME I BELIEVE
15 IT WAS WITH DR. SAUNDERS WHO WAS THE D.C.F.S. DEPARTMENT HEAD,
16 IT WAS AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE AUDITOR AND D.C.F.S. THAT FOR
17 THE DEPARTMENT TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE CORRECTIVE ACTION
18 PLAN. SO AT THAT MOMENT, THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE AUDITOR
19 ACTUALLY ENDED BECAUSE THE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR, WHICH IS
20 THE DEPARTMENT, THEN TAKES OVER TO PURSUE WITH GETTING THE
21 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND FOLLOW THROUGH AND MAKING ALL THE
22 COLLECTIONS AS NECESSARY.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN? WHEN DID THAT HANDOFF
25 TAKE PLACE?



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2 **WENDY WATANABE:** OUR RECORD SHOWS A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN WAS
3 SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS WE DID RECEIVE A COPY
4 SOMETIME IN 2004.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONE LAST QUESTION, FOR YOU, MISS WATANABE.
7 YOUR OFFICE AND CHILDREN'S DEPUTIES HAVE A QUARTERLY MEETING.

8

9 **WENDY WATANABE:** CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO GIVE THEM UPDATES ON AUDITS THAT ARE
12 PENDING, CORRECT?

13

14 **WENDY WATANABE:** WELL AUDIT PENDING AS WELL AS REVIEW ALL THE
15 REPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED. AND D.C.F.S. PLAYS A VERY
16 IMPORTANT ROLE. SO THE THREE PARTIES ARE COORDINATING. SO YOUR
17 CHILDREN'S DEPUTIES ARE ALL VERY WELL INFORMED OF ALL THESE
18 ISSUES.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ON MARCH 6TH, THAT WAS THE LAST SUCH
21 QUARTERLY MEETING AS I UNDERSTAND IT.

22

23 **WENDY WATANABE:** CORRECT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND AT THAT MEETING WHEN THIS AUDIT CAME UP,
2 SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED PUBLICLY IN THE
3 PRESS NOW AND THAT HAVE BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY AT LEAST WE'VE BEEN
4 MADE AWARE OF BY YOUR OFFICE WERE NOT RAISED AT THAT QUARTERLY
5 MEETING. I MEAN THERE WERE THINGS ABOUT LINOLEUM OR PAINT THAT
6 NEEDED TO BE DONE. BUT NONE OF THE MORE PROBLEMATIC AND
7 COMPELLING PROBLEMS THAT THE AGENCY HAD WERE NOT BROUGHT UP,
8 WHY NOT?

9

10 **WENDY WATANABE:** WE FELL SHORT ON THIS ONE. I'LL ADMIT TO THAT.
11 WE DID NOT DO A VERY GOOD JOB. AND I THINK PART OF THE REASONS
12 IS WE WANT TO KEEP THE 20 ALLEGATIONS UNDER WRAP, THE NATURE
13 OF WHAT WE DO. AND THE OTHER PART IS WE DIDN'T HAVE OUR ACT
14 TOGETHER TO BRING THIS ISSUE TO THE TABLE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T WANT TO BELABOR THIS, BUT YOU SHARE
17 INFORMATION WITH THE CHILDREN'S DEPUTIES, I ASSUME, CORRECT ME
18 IF I'M WRONG, IS THIS DONE IN OPEN SESSION OR CLOSED SESSION?
19 OPEN SESSION?

20

21 **WENDY WATANABE:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU SHARED WITH THE CHILDREN'S DEPUTIES
24 OTHER INSTANCES WHERE THERE ARE ISSUES THAT IF MADE PUBLIC
25 MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THE INVESTIGATIONS POTENTIALLY OR



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1 HYPOTHETICALLY. AND SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS THERE ARE TIMES WHEN
2 YOU SHARE WITH THE DEPUTIES, WHICH IS TO SAY YOU SHARE IT WITH
3 US BECAUSE THEY'RE OUR AGENTS.

4

5 **WENDY WATANABE:** CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE THERE ARE PROBLEM AGENCIES OUT THERE
8 BECAUSE FOR THE MOST PART, IF NOT ENTIRELY, WE'D LIKE TO KNOW
9 SO THAT WE DON'T STEP IN A PILE OF DUNG INADVERTENTLY. THAT'S
10 THE REASON WE WANT TO BE BRIEFED ON THESE THINGS. AND YOU HAVE
11 IN OTHER CASES SHARED SUCH INFORMATION WITH OUR FOLKS. AND IN
12 THIS CASE YOU DIDN'T. AND YOU SAID YOU HAVE FALLEN SHORT. BUT
13 THAT DOESN'T WARM THE COCKLES OF MY HEART. THAT DOESN'T DO
14 MUCH FOR ME. HOW DO WE PREVENT THIS IN THE FUTURE? I THINK
15 THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS PERHAPS WE DISCUSS UNDER SEPARATE
16 COVER WITH MISS WATANABE. THIS IS TROUBLING TO ME. THE WHOLE
17 HISTORY THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN THIS PARTICULAR AGENCY, THIS
18 LAST PIECE IS JUST TROUBLING. AND I APPRECIATE THAT YOU FEEL
19 THAT HOWEVER YOU CHARACTERIZED IT, YOU FELL SHORT, BUT I DON'T
20 THINK THAT SHOULD HAPPEN AGAIN.

21

22 **WENDY WATANABE:** WE AGREE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE STAKES ARE TOO HIGH. AND THERE'S PLENTY
25 OF RESPONSIBILITY TO GO AROUND HERE. BUT I DO THINK THAT WE



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1 ALL HAVE TO ASSUME -- THE BOARD HAS TO ASSUME ITS
2 RESPONSIBILITY, AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL IN TWO WEEKS AND GIVE
3 PHILIP THE MODEST RESOURCES HE'S ASKED FOR. AND ON THIS FRONT,
4 I THINK WE NEED TO BE A LITTLE BIT MORE RIGOROUS. I WON'T TAKE
5 ANY MORE TIME, MR. CHAIRMAN.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
8 YAROSLAVSKY. SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THEN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THE QUESTION I HAD JUST INSTEAD OF ADDING
11 ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO HAVE A
12 PRETTY GOOD PROGRAM AS IT RELATES TO MONITORING THROUGH
13 AUTOMATION. ARE WE LOOKING AT THAT ISSUE, AS WELL INSTEAD OF
14 ADDING EMPLOYEES?

15

16 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, I AM CERTAINLY
17 LOOKING AT THAT. BUT THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT CAME ABOUT AS A
18 RESULT OF LOOKING AT THIS MOTION IN A WAY THAT WE COULD DO
19 SOME THINGS DIFFERENTLY. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S AN
20 EXAMPLE OUT THERE THAT'S 100 PERCENT GOING TO FIT US, BUT I
21 BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ONE
22 POSSIBILITY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT YOU ARE LOOKING AT IT? IT'S ON THE TABLE?

25



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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** IT'S ON THE TABLE.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER RELATIVE TO THE HAPPY
6 HOMES, YOU DID THE REPORT IN 2010. THAT WAS WHEN IT WAS FIRST
7 REVIEWED. BUT WHEN DO WE, THE BOARD, RECEIVE THAT REPORT?
8 BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT.

9

10 **WENDY WATANABE:** WE'RE NOT DONE YET. WE ARE AT THE TAIL END OF
11 IT. AND WE ARE EXITING WITH THE AUDITEE AND SCHEDULED FOR NEXT
12 WEEK.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DURING THE AUDIT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING
15 SINCE THIS TIME, DID YOUR AUDITORS NOTE THAT CHILDREN WERE
16 BEING ENDANGERED BY BEING IN THAT ENVIRONMENT? WHEN PUBLIC
17 SAFETY IS INVOLVED, WHY WEREN'T THERE ACTIONS TAKEN FOR THE
18 REFERRALS TO REMOVE THEM FROM THAT FACILITY?

19

20 **WENDY WATANABE:** SUPERVISOR, IT IS OUR STANDARD PRACTICE DURING
21 THE COURSE OF AUDIT IF WE DISCOVER ANY WRONGDOING OR COULD BE
22 FISCAL AND COULD BE PROGRAMMATIC BECAUSE WE DO HAVE TRAINED
23 SOCIAL WORKERS WITHIN OUR DEPARTMENT. AND THEY CAN IDENTIFY IF
24 IT'S A PROGRAM ISSUE AND IT'S HAZARDOUS TO THE CHILDREN. IT IS
25 OUR STANDARD PRACTICE. WE DO NOTIFY THE AUDITEE AS WELL AS THE



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1 DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY. AND THIS IS SORT OF -- IT'S LIKE TO
2 STOP THE BLEEDING. WE WOULD NOT ALLOW ANY WRONGDOING TO GO ON.
3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU DO THAT AUTOMATICALLY. THERE'S NEVER A
5 TIME YOU FAIL TO DO THAT?
6

7 **WENDY WATANABE:** NEVER. THAT IS OUR STANDARD PRACTICE. WE HAVE
8 TO STOP THE BLEEDING NOW AND GIVE THE AUDITEE IMMEDIATE -- SO
9 THEY CAN TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION. BUT THAT IN NO WAY WILL ALTER
10 OR DIMINISH OUR FINAL FINDINGS OF THE REPORT. WELL STILL CITE
11 THE PROBLEM. BUT WE WANT THE AUDITEE TO CORRECT THAT RIGHT
12 THERE AND THEN.
13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WERE ANY CHILDREN REMOVED DURING THAT TIME
15 FRAME?
16

17 **WENDY WATANABE:** OURS IS MORE FOCUSED ON FISCAL.
18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, BUT YOUR FISCAL, BUT YOU'RE ALSO, AS YOU
20 STATED, CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE AND THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE
21 SOCIAL WORKERS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT. DID THEY REMOVE ANY
22 CHILDREN IN THIS TIME FRAME?
23

24 **WENDY WATANABE:** NOT THAT I CAN RECALL. BECAUSE SOMETIMES IT
25 COULD BE JUST THE CLEANLINESS OF THE HOUSE OR ARE THE



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1 MEDICATIONS BEING PUT AWAY? IS THERE ANY SHARP OBJECT THAT'S
2 VISIBLE? SO WE DO LOOK AT SOME OF THAT ALONG THE WAY WHEN WE
3 DO LOOK AT FISCAL AUDITS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OR ABUSE, RIGHT?

6

7 **WENDY WATANABE:** OR ABUSE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE HOME WHICH THE STATE REGULATES THAT
10 THE YOUNG MAN WHO IS AWAITING TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF THE
11 U.S.C. STUDENT, DID THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
12 SERVICES MAKE NOTE THAT THAT WAS AN UNSAFE HOME?

13

14 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THE HOME THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS NO
15 LONGER CERTIFIED. I'M NOT AWARE THAT WE MADE ANY DECISIONS
16 PRIOR TO THAT INCIDENT THAT YOU'RE DESCRIBING.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE REPORTS WERE HOW THE HOME WAS NOT
19 SATISFACTORY AT THE TIME. SO IT DIDN'T HAPPEN AFTER THE PERSON
20 COMMITS THE CRIME. IT WAS AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE HOME WAS
21 NOT WHAT YOU WOULD WANT TO HAVE AN EMANCIPATED YOUTH IN.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IF I MAY, MR. ANTONOVICH, PHILIP
24 BROWNING, I THINK THE QUESTION RELATES TO THE F.A.A. [F.F.A.]



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1 IN ADDITION TO THIS SPECIFIC HOME. AM I NOT CORRECT THAT THIS
2 IS THE SAME F.A.A. [F.F.A.]?

3

4 **PHILIP BROWNING:** IT IS CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND THE QUESTION THEN ARISES:
7 WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN TERMS OF PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW AND THE LIKE
8 OF THAT F.A.A. [F.F.A.] PURSUANT TO YET ANOTHER INCREDIBLY
9 UNFORTUNATE SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES?

10

11 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THERE WERE TWO FOCUSED REVIEWS THAT WERE DONE
12 VERY QUICKLY AFTER THAT INCIDENT. A NUMBER OF THE CHILDREN
13 WERE INTERVIEWED. THE MAJORITY OF THE FOSTER PARENTS WERE
14 INTERVIEWED. F.F.A. STAFF WERE INTERVIEWED. AND THE BOTTOM
15 LINE WAS THE REST OF THE PROGRAM SEEMED TO BE OPERATING PRETTY
16 GOOD. I DON'T HAVE THAT REPORT IN FRONT OF ME, BUT I CAN
17 CERTAINLY GET THAT FOR YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO TO THE BEST OF YOUR
20 UNDERSTANDING, IT WAS WORKING WELL. WAS THERE ANY
21 COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S PROBLEM WITH
22 RESPECT TO THE OUTSTANDING AUDIT THAT WAS DONE THAT POINTED
23 OUT A VARIETY OF ISSUES AND/OR IRREGULARITIES?

24



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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I'M NOT SURE THAT WE WOULD HAVE COMMUNICATED
2 TO THE AUDITOR ABOUT THE PROGRAM REVIEW THAT WE DID, ALTHOUGH
3 THAT COULD VERY POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN DONE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S PRECISELY THE POINT THAT
6 I'M MAKING. THERE ARE THINGS THAT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER KNOWS
7 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES DOES NOT
8 KNOW AND VICE VERSA. AND BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION
9 AND COORDINATION, WE ARE NOT HOLDING THESE ENTITIES
10 APPROPRIATELY ACCOUNTABLE.

11

12 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I THINK YOU HAVE AN EXCELLENT POINT. THAT'S
13 GOING TO BE PART OF THE PLAN THAT WE BRING BACK TO YOU IN 30
14 DAYS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE
17 CONTINUE, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER NEEDS TO BE BE --
20 LET'S SAY WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH THESE YOUNG CHILDREN IN
21 THESE ENVIRONMENTS, THE CHILDREN CAN'T AFFORD DELAYS IN HAVING
22 THESE CORRECTIONS IMPLEMENTED OR REMOVAL FROM THOSE
23 FACILITIES. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT REPORTS THAT TAKE OVER A
24 YEAR, TWO YEARS AND WE DON'T RECEIVE THAT INFORMATION ON THE
25 ONGOING AUDIT, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WE NEED TO BE



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1 PROACTIVE AND BEGIN TO REMOVE THOSE CHILDREN OR TAKE ACTION.
2 LOOK, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE DESTROYING A FUTURE, A CHILD'S FUTURE.
3 AND WE CAN'T AFFORD, THEY CAN'T AFFORD THOSE LONG DELAYS IN
4 GETTING ACTION. IF A HOUSE IS ON FIRE, YOU CAN'T TAKE TWO
5 YEARS TO STUDY IT AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION IN THREE YEARS HOW
6 TO PUT OUT THE FIRE. THE QUICKER, SMARTER AND PUTTING THE
7 CHILD'S NEEDS FIRST THEN THE BUREAUCRATIC MAZE YOU HAVE TO GO
8 THROUGH. THIS IS NOT A TAX ISSUE THAT CAN BE RESOLVED IN
9 COURT. THIS IS A LIFE AND DEATH ISSUE AT TIMES THAT HAS TO BE
10 RESOLVED IMMEDIATELY. YOU NEED TO GET THAT SENSE OF URGENCY
11 THAT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
14 ANTONOVICH. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** FIRST OF ALL LET'S GET SOMETHING STRAIGHT ON
17 THIS. YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THIS MONITORING ISSUE FOR
18 A NUMBER OF YEARS NOW. IT FEELS LIKE A DECADE. BUT WHEN THOSE
19 THINGS WERE BEING DISCUSSED THE LAST TIME ABOUT MONITORING, MY
20 OBJECTION WAS THAT IT SHOULDN'T BE DONE IN CLOSED SESSION;
21 THAT IT SHOULD BE DONE IN OPEN SESSION. THAT IF YOU HAVE A
22 PROPOSAL, AND I THINK I RAISED IT WITH MR. KRATTLI, AS WELL,
23 ABOUT THOSE ISSUES. SO I DIDN'T OBJECT TO IT. AND BECAUSE THE
24 ISSUE WAS THAT THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE IN OPEN SESSION. WE
25 SHOULD NEVER BE DOING CONTRACTS OR FINANCIAL AUGMENTATIONS OR



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1 MOTIONS IN CLOSED SESSION. THAT WAS THE ISSUE, MR.

2 YAROSLAVSKY, AT THAT TIME. NO, I JUST WANT TO CORRECT THE
3 RECORD.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL CORRECT THE RECORD WHEN YOU'RE DONE.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL FROM MY POINT OF VIEW AS I KEPT SAYING
8 THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THIS ITEM. BUT THE ISSUE OF --

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ACTUALLY THAT WASN'T WHAT YOU SAID. ACTUALLY
11 YOU SAID "I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE BRINGING THIS UP. I
12 DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE MONITORING ISSUE IS. THE STATE
13 SHOULD BE DOING IT." THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID. AND FORTUNATELY
14 IT'S ON TAPE.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME CORRECT THIS AGAIN. I SAID WHAT IS THIS
17 ABOUT? THAT WE NEED BECAUSE THE STATE'S NOT DOING IT, WE NEED
18 TO BE DOING IT. WHAT'S THE STATE NOT DOING? OH THEY AREN'T
19 AUDITING OR MONITORING. I SAID WE MONITOR ALL OF THE TIME. AND
20 THEN WE DON'T IMPLEMENT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS IS WHAT I SAID.
21 AND THEN SECOND OF ALL I SAID WE SHOULDN'T BE DOING THIS IN
22 CLOSED SESSION. THIS IS AN OPEN SESSION ITEM. YOU DID IT
23 TWICE. AND WE CAN PULL THE RECORD ON THAT. BUT LET'S GO BACK
24 TO IT. AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE NEED TO RESOLVE THESE ISSUES.
25 THIS HAS BEEN A DECADE OF CONFUSION. THE ISSUE HERE IS THERE



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1 ARE FINANCIAL REVIEWS THAT ARE DONE BY THE AUDITOR. AT ONE
2 TIME WE CONSOLIDATED -- BECAUSE THERE'S GROUP HOMES IN
3 PROBATION AND ALL OF THE OTHER THINGS. AND IT HAS BEEN A
4 CONVOLUTED MONITORING MECHANISM. SO THERE'S THE FINANCIAL
5 ASPECT. AT ONE WITH POINT, I THINK ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO WE HAD
6 OUTSTANDING 3.2 MILLION DOLLARS IN DEBT THAT WAS OWED US. THE
7 TREASURER CAME UP AND SAID YOU GOT TO WRITE IT OFF, I'M TIRED
8 OF CARRYING THIS ON THE BOOKS AND WE SAID WAIT A MINUTE, WE
9 CAN'T WRITE IT OFF. THIS IS THE MONEY THAT'S OWED US FOR THE
10 CARE OF CHILDREN. SO WE INSTITUTED THE WHOLE COLLECTION THING
11 BACK THEN. NOW THAT IS THE FINANCIAL END OF IT. AND STILL
12 WE'RE GETTING BETTER AT IT BUT I'VE ALWAYS FELT AND I CONTINUE
13 TO FEEL THAT IF PEOPLE CAN'T PAY, THEN YOU SHOULDN'T BE GIVING
14 THEM A NEW CONTRACT OR YOU SHOULD DEDUCT THAT AMOUNT. FOR
15 WHATEVER REASON SOMEBODY SAYS NO, WE DON'T WANT TO ENDANGER
16 CHILDREN, SO WE DON'T WANT TO DO THAT. I COULD BUY INTO IT.
17 BUT IT IS GETTING AT LEAST LESS. SO, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
18 I DO THINK WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS IT THAT WE'RE ASKING
19 TO BE AUDITED? IS IT THE STATE AUDIT ASPECT? ARE WE ASKING
20 FINANCIAL AUDIT QUESTIONS? OR ARE WE ASKING PROGRAMMATIC? NOW
21 WE WERE NOT SUPPOSED TO BRING UP TEENS. I WAS TOLD I COULDN'T
22 BRING IT UP. BUT TEENS HAS THREE MAJOR VIOLATIONS WHERE
23 CHILDREN HAVE DIED. SO WHEN PHILIP BROWNING SAID WELL WE DON'T
24 USE THAT HOME ANYMORE, WHO IS THE ONE THAT BROUGHT THAT HOME
25 ON? IT WAS THIS ORGANIZATION, THIS AGENCY WHO WE FUND. WE



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1 DON'T FUND THE INDIVIDUAL HOME. BECAUSE THEY'RE THE ONES THAT
2 SAY THIS IS -- AND ONE OF THE LAST DEATHS THERE WERE 28 PEOPLE
3 LIVING IN ONE HOUSE. THAT'S A VIOLATION. IN THE OTHER ONE,
4 THERE WAS CLEARLY A WHISTLE BLOWER WHO CAME TO YOU AND SAID
5 "THE C.E.O. SAID THAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO FIB TO YOU." THAT HAS
6 NOT BEEN CONCLUDED AS YET. AND THAT WAS TWO YEARS AGO. SO THE
7 ISSUE IS: WE NEED TO GET ON TRACK. THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS
8 ISSUE. I DON'T MEAN TO SAY THAT THE MOTION YOU BROUGHT UP IS
9 NOT APPROPRIATE. IT'S APPROPRIATE. BUT WE HAVE TO GET A BETTER
10 BASELINE OF WHAT IS IT THAT WE WANT TO DO. WHAT I THINK WE
11 WANT TO DO IS WHAT I HAVE BEEN RAISING IS HAVE THE SAME
12 STANDARD. THAT IF IN FACT A PARENT IS HELD TO A STANDARD TO
13 PROTECT THIS CHILD, WHEN WE HAVE A FOSTER CARE AGENCY THAT
14 RECRUITS FOSTER CARE HOMES, THEY SHOULD BE HELD TO THE SAME
15 STANDARD. AND THAT MONITORING SHOULD BE GOING ON. NOW, IF IN
16 FACT THERE ISN'T MONEY, THEN PUT IT IN THE BUDGET. I DON'T
17 REMEMBER IT BEING IN THE BUDGET THIS YEAR. THAT'S WHERE IT HAS
18 TO BE ADDRESSED. AND AS FAR AS IT ISN'T JUST ABOUT COLLECTING
19 MONEY BUT IT'S GETTING CHILDREN INTO SAFE ENVIRONMENTS. THIS
20 MOST RECENT AUDIT, PROGRAMMATIC-WISE, FINANCIALLY, THEY'VE
21 DONE A LOT OF DUMB THINGS. AND THEY SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO
22 CONTINUE GETTING A CONTRACT FROM US FOR SOME OF THE IDIOTIC
23 SPENDING THAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING, NUMBER ONE. BUT, SECONDLY,
24 TO HAVE THREE MAJOR INCIDENTS THAT LED TO THE DEATH OF A CHILD
25 IS WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT. AND I THINK THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO



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1 BRING ORDER TO THIS THING. RIGHT NOW WE'RE DISCUSSING IT AS IF
2 IT'S ALL ONE THING AND ALL DIFFERENT PLACES. AND THAT'S WHY
3 WHEN WE DID THE MOTION WAY BACK IN APRIL OF 2009 WHICH LED TO
4 THESE REPORTS THAT ARE GOING ON, WE HAVE TO GET CLEAR THAT
5 THERE'S A FINANCIAL REPORT, BUT THEN THERE'S A PROGRAMMATIC.
6 AND THE POWER STAYS WITH THE DEPARTMENT. BECAUSE ONCE YOU CAN
7 DENY SOMEBODY A CONTRACT, WHICH IS THE POWER, THEN THEY'RE NOT
8 GOING TO GET PAID TO DO IT ANYMORE. AND THAT POWER LIES WITHIN
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THEY AREN'T
10 CUTTING OFF THESE CONTRACTS. CONSTANT CORRECTIVE ACTIONS ABOUT
11 GET US THE MONEY BACK. SOME OF THEM DON'T EVER PAY THE MONEY
12 BACK. THE PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT THE CADILLAC AND WHO WENT ON
13 VACATION TO HAWAII CLOSED DOWN BEFORE WE COULD GET THE MONEY.
14 SO THEY AND ABSCONDED WITH THAT MONEY. RIGHT NOW WE PUT PEOPLE
15 ON THIS PLAN TO PAY US BACK, BUT IF THEY CHOOSE NOT TO, THEY
16 CAN JUST CLOSE UP THEIR AGENCY AND THEY WON'T OWE YOU
17 ANYTHING. SO WE NEED TO HAVE CONDITIONAL CONTRACTS THAT SAY
18 WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU AN EXTENSION FOR MAYBE SIX MONTHS OR A
19 YEAR BUT YOU'RE GOING TO BE ON A PAY BACK WE'RE NOT DO THAT.
20 SO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHILE YOUR MOTION IS AS
21 STRENGTHENED NOW AS YOU'VE DONE IT, IT NEEDS TO BE MORE ABOUT
22 GETTING A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES. THE
23 STATE IS INVOLVED BECAUSE THE STATE DOES LICENSING WHICH IS A
24 BIG TERM. WE DO CONTRACT MONITORING, THE DEPARTMENT DOES, AND
25 MONITORING THAT THESE CHILDREN ARE BEING TAKEN CARE OF, THERE



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1 ARE SOCIAL WORKERS, REVIEWS THAT ARE BEING DONE. AND THAT IS A
2 LOT THAT STILL NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT'S
3 AS THOROUGH AS IT SHOULD BE. THEY'RE GIVEN TOO MANY BREAKS.
4 AND THEN FINALLY THERE'S THE FINANCIAL. IT'S GETTING TIGHTER.
5 AT ONE POINT THEY OWED US 7 MILLION DOLLARS AND IT WENT TO
6 3.2. THEY KEPT WRITING IT OFF ALL THE TIME. NOW IT'S ONLY A
7 MILLION DOLLARS. SO I JUST WANT US TO BE DISCUSSING THESE
8 APPLES AND ORANGES ALL IN THE SAME. WE'RE MAKING IT SOUND LIKE
9 THE AUDITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT BUT IT'S NOT. ALL THEY DO IS
10 A NUMBERS REVIEW FOR THE MOST PART. YES, THEY COME ACROSS
11 IRREGULARITIES PROGRAMMATIC. BUT THEN THEY TURN IT OVER TO THE
12 DEPARTMENT. AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE POWER. WE NEED TO MAKE
13 SURE IF WE ARE PUTTING RESOURCES OR WHATEVER WE'RE GOING TO
14 DO, IT IS MAKE SURE WE FOLLOW-UP ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS. MY
15 CRITICISM OF EVERY TIME WE'RE ASKING FOR MORE AUDITS, IS OKAY,
16 SO YOU HAVE ALL THESE OTHER AUDITS THAT YOU'VE DONE. YOU HAVE
17 ALL THESE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDITOR. AND YET YOU'RE NOT
18 CLOSING OFF THESE AGENCIES. HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU HAVE TO BE
19 TOLD THAT A FOSTER CARE AGENCY THAT AUTHORIZES ALL THESE
20 FAMILY HOMES IS NOT DOING A GOOD JOB? IS IT ONCE? IS IT TWICE?
21 IS IT THREE TIMES? OR IS IT NEVER? IN THE INSTANCES OF THE ONE
22 THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, WE ALL KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING
23 ABOUT, THREE STRIKES IN BASEBALL, IT MEANS SOMETHING. AND IT
24 SHOULD HAVE MEANT SOMETHING HERE THE FIRST TIME.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THERE IS A LIST OF
3 PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM. PHILIP BROWNING,
4 LET ME JUST RE-VISIT A POINT OF ACCURACY IN THE ARTICLE THAT
5 YOU REFERRED TO BETWEEN 2008 AND 2011, 1,154 CHILDREN. I DON'T
6 KNOW IF THAT'S ACCURATE OR NOT. YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO
7 CONFIRM IT. I WISH TO KNOW AND THE BOARD SHOULD KNOW. THEN
8 ABOUT HALF OF TEENS, 131 FACILITIES HAD NO COMPLAINTS DURING A
9 PARTICULAR PERIOD THAT'S REFERENCED BETWEEN 2008 AND 2011.
10 FRANKLY, YOU REPRESENT THAT THERE ARE LESS THAN 50 FACILITIES.
11 AND SO IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHAT'S ACCURATE HERE. WE COUNT ON YOU
12 TO BRING FORTH THE ACCURACY OF THE DATA AND CLARIFY THESE
13 ITEMS APPROPRIATELY. THE IMPETUS FOR THE MOTION IS NOT
14 SPECIFIC TO THE F.A.A. [F.F.A.] THAT'S THE SUBJECT OF THIS
15 ARTICLE. THE MOTION SEEKS TO LOOK AT THIS MORE BROADLY AND
16 SYSTEMICALLY. THAT IS TO SAY THE ADDITIONAL ENTITIES YOU MADE
17 REFERENCE TO APPROXIMATELY 150 SUCH F.A.A.S [F.F.A.S] AM I
18 WILL NOT CORRECT?

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20 **WENDY WATANABE:** CORRECT.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHERE THE MOTION IS
23 HEADED. IF WE GET THAT RIGHT, WE'LL GET ALL OF THE ELEMENTS IN
24 IT CORRECTLY. YOU'VE HEARD AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION. WE'LL WRAP
25 UP IN A FEW MOMENTS, BUT FIRST A PUBLIC COMMENT. WE BEGIN THE



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1 ARNOLD SACHS, TERRY SIGMUND. DENISE PAZ, IF YOU WOULD COME
2 QUICKLY. GEORGE RHEAULT, AND FINALLY JOHN WALSH.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, SIR, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD
5 SACHS. I APPRECIATE YOU ADDRESSING THE ARTICLE IN PART OF THE
6 DISCUSSION, BUT, SIR, YOU MISCHARACTERIZED THE ARTICLE BECAUSE
7 ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE HERE IT SAYS A DECADE AGO A TEAM OF
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AUDITORS DELIVERED A DAMNING ASSESSMENT OF
9 TEENS' HAPPY HOMES. THAT'S 2003. YOU MENTIONED 2008. SO
10 BETWEEN 2003, ACCORDING TO THE WAY YOU READ THIS ARTICLE, NOT
11 ONLY DID THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONTINUE THE TEEN'S
12 CONTRACT BUT IT TRIPLED ITS VALUE FROM 1 MILLION TO 3 MILLION
13 DOLLARS ACCORDING TO THE TAX AGENCY'S RETURN BETWEEN 2008 AND
14 2011. SO YOU'VE GIVEN THEM MORE MONEY, BUT ACCORDING TO THE
15 ARTICLE, IT STATED THAT THE AUDITORS IN 2003 DELIVERED THE
16 ASSESSMENT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTIONED A BUREAUCRATIC
17 MAZE. IT'S MORE LIKE A BUREAUCRATIC DAZE. SYSTEMATIC PROBLEMS
18 WHERE THE LEFT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT HAND IS DOING. BOY,
19 THAT'S COUNTY. YOU KNOW WHAT? THAT'S RIGHT AFTER GET THE MONEY
20 FIRST. YOU TALK SO FAR OUT OF THE SIDES OF YOUR MOUTH, YOU
21 DON'T EVEN SEE YOUR LIPS MOVE. THE STATE DOES THE LICENSING.
22 THE STATE SETS THE RATES. THE COUNTY HAS THE CONTRACTS. DO YOU
23 NOTIFY THE STATE THAT YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THESE PARTICULAR
24 AGENCIES? AND THE STATE DOESN'T FOLLOW-UP. DO YOU SEND LETTERS
25 TO THE GOVERNOR? WE'VE HEARD PLENTY OF TIMES YOU'VE SENT



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1 LETTERS, FIVE SIGNATURE LETTERS TO THE GOVERNOR. MONEY OWED TO
2 THE COUNTY FOR CARE OF THE CHILDREN. YOU HAVE A CONTRACT? AND
3 THEY PAY THE COUNTY? OR YOU HAVE A CONTRACT WHERE THEY GET
4 MONEY FROM THE COUNTY, THEY MISS APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS. YOU
5 HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES AND LIMITED STAFFING. ON APRIL, MR.
6 FUJIOKA DID A BUDGET RECAP. HE ELIMINATED 2,100 POSITIONS
7 WITHOUT ANY LAYOFFS OR FURLOUGHS; 2,100 UNFILLED FUNDED
8 POSITIONS. THIS IS AN ITEM FROM YOUR MARCH 19, 2013 AGENDA
9 REGARDING A CONTRACT WITH MULL ROCK WATER RIDGE FOR THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. YOU HAD PEOPLE
11 COME IN AND SAY IN 2012 THEY HAD 60 WORKERS; 2013, 56 WORKERS.
12 THE CASELOAD IS OVER 45 PER WORKER. THE AVERAGE CASELOAD IN
13 OTHER PLACES, 31. SO KNOWING THE FACTS LIKE THAT AND THEN
14 BEING CONCERNED ABOUT STAFFING? THAT BOAT SAILED.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. MISS PAZ?

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18 **DENISE PAZ:** WE NEED A VIGILANT ADVOCATE GROUP. D.C.F.S. DON'T
19 DESERVE ANY FUNDS FOR THESE REASONS. THERE HAVE GOT TO BE A
20 CHECK AND BALANCES SYSTEM. THIS SHOULD NOT EXIST. D.C.F.S. HAS
21 IMMORAL BEHAVIOR OR MANAGEMENT OF FOSTER CHILDREN. YOU OUGHT
22 TO BE TERRIBLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF FOSTER CHILDREN
23 AND HOPE YOUR CONCERN FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS WILL PROMPT TO
24 TAKE PROPER ACTIONS INSTEAD OF MORE FUNDS. THIS HAS BECOME
25 EPIDEMIC. CHILDREN ARE BEING MURDERED, SODOMIZED, TORTURED.



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1 THIS SITUATION IS CRITICAL AND MUST BE INVESTIGATED. BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS, YOU CAN'T DENY THE DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES. PLEASE
4 DON'T LEAVE CHILDREN ON DEATH ROW. NO FUNDS TO AGENCIES. NUEVO
5 MANACER, THE AGENCY WHERE MY SON HAD A BROKEN TOE, BROKEN ARM,
6 BURNED WITH A TORTILLA, SODOMIZED, AND DIAPERS WHEN FULLY
7 POTTY TRAINED WHEN WARDS TO THE COUNTY, THE ORGANIZATION, THE
8 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION HAS A LITTLE TO DO WITH ACTUAL
9 PREVENTION. CASEWORKERS NEED MORE SUPPORT AND EDUCATION IN THE
10 AREA OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION THEMSELVES. CASE WORKERS ARE SO
11 OVERWHELMED WITH HEAVY CASELOADS, COURT APPOINTMENT AND HOME
12 VISITS THAT IT CAUSES STRESS AND THEY ARE UNABLE TO THINK
13 LOGICALLY. SUPERVISORS ARE INEXPERIENCED AND CASEWORKERS ARE
14 INEXPERIENCED. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY
15 INVOLVEMENT IS THE KEY. NOT LEAVING CHILDREN TO DIE. D.C.F.S.
16 CONTINUES TO FAIL OUR CHILDREN, AND FOSTER PARENTS NEED A 730
17 EVALUATION. LOOK AT THE PALMDALE FOSTER MONSTER. SHE TORTURED
18 TWO CHILDREN. YOU CAN'T RAISE THESE CHILDREN FROM THEIR
19 TOMBSTONE. D.C.F.S. AND AGENCIES LIKE NUEVA MANACE LIES TO
20 STATE POLICE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND GET MORE SUPPORT IN
21 THEIR CASE AGAINST PARENTS. BY LYING TO OFFICIALS AND COVERING
22 UP ABUSE AND GIVING HOME REMEDIES INSTEAD OF GIVING THEM
23 MEDICAL ATTENTION IS THE LAST OPTION. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE. MR.
24 VERENE AND MRS. HARRIS' CASE GOT REVERSED FROM COURT OF
25 APPEALS IN DECEMBER 2010. NOW TWO LITTLE GIRLS ARE LOST IN THE



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1 SYSTEM WITH NEW NAMES. D.C.F.S. WENT AHEAD AND ADOPTED
2 CHILDREN FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY. NOW THEY ARE RETAINED ATTORNEY
3 SHAWN MCMILLAN FOR WRONGFUL FRAUDULENT ADOPTION. SO PLEASE NO
4 FUNDS TO THIS HORRIBLE ORGANIZATION. SHUT THEM DOWN.

5 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MA'AM?

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9 **TERRY SIGMUNG:** I JUST WANTED TO RESPOND FIRST OF ALL TO MISS
10 MOLINA WAS SAYING THAT THOSE DETENTIONS FROM THE CHILDREN FROM
11 THE FAMILY WERE AFFIRMED BY THE COURT AND THE D.C.F.S. SO WE
12 DON'T HAVE TO MEDDLE WITH IT. THAT'S NOT TRUE. THE COURTS ONLY
13 ARE GIVEN THE INFORMATION BY THE D.C.F.S. THE D.C.F.S. LIES.
14 THE D.C.F.S. ASKS CHILDREN TO LIE. IF YOU WANT MY SON TO
15 TESTIFY, JAMIE HEINE, A SOCIAL WORKER WHO STILL WORKS THERE,
16 INVESTIGATOR, HAS ASKED MY SON TO LIE. ANOTHER CHILD CALLED ME
17 FROM THE COURT, I'M NOT GOING TO TELL HIS NAME. STRANGEST
18 THING HE EVEN HAD MY NUMBER. CALLED ME AND SAID THEY'RE ASKING
19 ME TO LIE. THEY THREATENED ME WITH CONSEQUENCES IF I DON'T LIE
20 TO THE COURT. SO OBVIOUSLY WHEN YOU THINK THAT THESE CHILDREN
21 ARE DETAINED FROM THEIR FAMILIES RIGHTFULLY YOU'RE VERY WRONG
22 ABOUT THAT. YOU CAN JUST LOOK AT THE STATISTICS. HOW COME THAT
23 MOST CHILDREN IN THE SYSTEM ARE BROWN CHILDREN MELANIN-RICH
24 CHILDREN? ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME IN THE BIG POPULATION, THE
25 WRONG PARENTS ARE ALL BROWN? SO IF YOU LOOK AT THAT ALONE, YOU



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1 KNOW THAT THESE DETENTIONS SMELL, STINK TO BE HEAVEN. THE
2 THING IS THESE PEOPLE ARE INDIGENT PEOPLE. THEY DON'T HAVE
3 LAWYERS. THE LAWYERS ARE COURT APPOINTED. THEY MEET WITH YOU
4 FIVE MINUTES BEFORE. THEY DON'T ASK FOR EVIDENCE. THE ONLY
5 REASON THAT THE GRACE OF GOD THAT I PREVAILED FOR THE JUDGE TO
6 GIVE MY CHILDREN BACK IS BECAUSE OF MY GERMAN EDUCATION THAT
7 HELPED ME SEE SOMEWHAT CLEARLY WHEN I WAS IN THE BIGGEST
8 DISTRESS OF MY LIFE IS WHEN YOUR CHILDREN ARE TAKEN. ALSO, IF
9 YOU, I'M NOT GOING TO TELL THE NAME, BUT UNFORTUNATELY PEOPLE
10 ARE SCARED. BUT THERE'S THIS MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER, SHE HAD
11 TOLD ME PERSONALLY THAT SHE HAD WITNESSES THAT BROWN KIDS GO
12 TO BAD FOSTER CARE AND THE WHITE KIDS GO TO THE GOOD FOSTER
13 CARE. SO IF SHE NOTICED THAT, HOW CAN SHE NOTICE THAT? THAT
14 MEANS THAT THERE'S AWARENESS. YOU CAN'T SEND SOMETHING GOOD TO
15 ONE RACE AND SOMETHING THAT'S BAD TO ANOTHER RACE UNLESS
16 YOU'RE AWARE OF THE DISTINCTION. SO THEY ARE VERY WELL AWARE
17 OF HOW BAD THE FOSTER CARE IS. THAT'S WHERE THE BROWN KIDS GET
18 TO GO. AND THEN FURTHERMORE, HERE PHILIP BROWNING THE DIRECTOR
19 WAS VERY STARTLED TO LEARN OF THE DEPTH OF THE PROBLEM AT
20 TEENS. WELL LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING. THAT FAMILY IS MORE
21 THAN STARTLED OVER WHAT'S GOING ON AT TEENS. YEAH, YOU CAN
22 SMIRK ALL YOU WANT. THAT'S JUST FINE WITH ME. BUT YOU WILL GET
23 YOUR DAY IN COURT ONE DAY HOPEFULLY. ANYHOW, THE PROBLEM IS
24 THAT WHEN YOU HAVE AN AGENCY REFUSED EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE TO
25 THE COURT EVEN AFTER MY TRIAL IN THE TITLE 20S THAT ARE NOT



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1 GIVEN TO THE COURT, WE FOUND EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE MY OWN CASE,
2 MY CHILD IS STARVING. I BROUGHT YOU THE CHARTS BEFORE. HE'S
3 OFF THE CHART SKINNY. HAS LOST A BUNCH OF WEIGHT. MY OTHER
4 CHILD HAS A BUNCH OF BITES ALL OVER HIS BODY. THERE'S AN D
5 ORDER FOR MY SON TO BE, TWO COURT ORDERS TO BE TESTED AGAINST
6 CAT ALLERGIES. THE TITLE 20 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS MEDICATED
7 FOR CAT ALLERGIES, BUT THEY ARE NOT REMOVING MY KIDS FROM THE
8 PLACE WHERE THERE IS ALLERGENS AND HE CAN DIE NO PROBLEM AND
9 HE'LL BE STARVING OVER IT.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.
12 YOUR NAME, SIR, AND FINALLY JOHN WALSH FOLLOWED BY ERIC
13 PREVEN.

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15 **GEORGE RHEAULT:** MY NAME IS GEORGE RHEAULT, THE SUPERVISOR FROM
16 THE THIRD DISTRICT ISN'T PRESENT FROM PUBLIC COMMENT WHICH IS
17 DISAPPOINTING. I DON'T OFTEN COME TO THE COUNTY SUPERVISOR
18 MEETINGS. BUT WHEN I DO, I CAN ALMOST COUNT ON D.C.F.S. ISSUES
19 COMING UP. IT'S A PERENNIAL ISSUE. APPARENTLY SUPERVISOR
20 MOLINA'S BEEN WORKING ON THESE THINGS FOR TWO DECADES,
21 ACCORDING TO HER. AND IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE GETTING ANY
22 BETTER. I CAME HERE ABOUT A YEAR AND AN HALF AGO YOU WERE
23 PUTTING FUNCTIONAL PHONE NUMBERS ON BUSINESS CARDS FOR SOCIAL
24 WORKERS WHICH IS FOR 2011 KIND OF AN EXTRAORDINARY INNOVATION
25 TO BE ROLLING OUT. A FEW SUGGESTIONS. I THINK THAT AS THE



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1 POLICYMAKERS AND THE STANDARD SETTERS FOR THESE CHILDREN AND
2 THEIR CARE, YOU COULD BE CREATING A REAL ZERO TOLERANCE
3 POLICY, A REAL HOLISTIC SYSTEM THAT ACTUALLY ADDRESSES THEIR
4 NEEDS. AND I THINK THE STANDARD IS A SIMPLE ONE. ARE THESE
5 SITUATIONS ONES WHERE WE WOULD WANT ONE OF OUR CHILDREN, A
6 NEPHEW, A COUSIN, A LOVED ONE TO BE PUT INTO? THAT'S THE
7 STANDARD. IT'S AN EASY ONE. I THINK MOST OF US WOULD SAY NO TO
8 MOST OF THESE SITUATIONS. BUT YET YOU CONTINUALLY LET THE
9 BUREAUCRACY GET HANDICAPPED AND BOOTSTRAPPED FROM CREATING
10 THOSE CONDITIONS THAT ANY ONE OF US WOULD WANT OUR LOVED ONES
11 TO BE PUT INTO. IF YOU WANT A ZERO TOLERANCE THEN YOU CREATE A
12 REAL AUDIT SYSTEM. NOT MANAGEMENT BY AUDIT BUT REAL
13 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS THAT ARE ADHERED TO. YOU PUT THE BUDGET
14 IN PLACE TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. PHILIP BROWNING IS HERE BECAUSE
15 THERE'S BEEN A SUCCESSION OF LEADERSHIP CHANGES AT THE AGENCY
16 THAT'S OVERSEEING THIS. IT'S BEEN CHAOS AFTER CHAOS AFTER
17 CHAOS. AND YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE. THE SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBLE.
18 AND YOU'RE NOT TAKING RESPONSIBILITY. YOU'RE NOT TAKING
19 RESPONSIBILITY IN YOUR BUDGET. YOU'RE NOT TAKING
20 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE VARIOUS SILOS YOU'VE CREATED THAT DON'T
21 TALK TO EACH OTHER. WHAT YOU REALLY SHOULD BE DOING IS A ZERO
22 TOLERANCE POLICY, MAKING SURE THAT NONE OF THESE AGENCIES AND
23 THEIR PERSONNEL ARE GOING TO YOUR RUBBER CHICKEN DINNERS, ARE
24 WORKING YOUR CAMPAIGNS, ARE WRITING CHECKS TO YOU. AND YOU
25 SHOULD INSIST ON BEST PRACTICES AND INSIST ON THIS BEING THE



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1 BEST FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY. BUT YOU DON'T WANT
2 THAT BECAUSE THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE FOCUSED ON. YOU'RE FOCUSED
3 ON OTHER THINGS. AND I THINK WE UNDERSTAND THAT.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK
6 YOU. MR. WALSH.

7

8 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.
9 DURING MY QUARTER OF A CENTURY AS TEACHER AT L.A.U.S.D. I HAD
10 A NUMBER OF EXTENDED ASSIGNMENTS AT SPECIAL SCHOOLS. NOW
11 SPECIAL SCHOOLS HAVE AN INORDINATE PERCENTAGE OF FOSTER
12 PARENTS. I BECAME FRIENDLY WITH THEM. MOST OF THEM WERE
13 AFRICAN AMERICAN IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. SO I THINK I CAN SPEAK
14 WITH SOME DEGREE OF EX EXPERTISE. I AM VERY SURPRISED WHEN A
15 MULTIMILLIONAIRE, NOT MULTI, BUT 150 MILLION DOLLAR NET WORTH
16 AND HIS WIFE ADOPT OR IS IT FOSTER PARENTS SEVEN CHILDREN IN A
17 ROW AND TURN ALL SEVEN OF THEM BACK. THAT DOES JUST NOT
18 COMPUTE. L.A.U.S.D., I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT. I'VE
19 TALKED TO FOSTER PARENTS. AND THEY TELL ME A LIFETIME YOU
20 MIGHT HAVE THREE OR FOUR. AND, REMEMBER, PEOPLE DO TAKE FOSTER
21 CHILDREN TO EARN A LIVING. THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT.
22 BUT ERIC GARCETTI TOOK SEVEN OF THEM AND KICKED THEM ALL BACK
23 BECAUSE HE WAS AUDITIONING THEM FOR HIS FIRST FAMILY. THEN WE
24 JUST FOUND OUT TODAY HE HAS AN ADOPTED CHILD. WE'VE SEEN THEM
25 BUT THE L.A. TIMES DIDN'T DO A STORY. SO HE'S GOT A 15 MONTH



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1 OLD CHILD. NOW I'M ASKING I'M SENDING A REQUEST FOR PUBLIC
2 RECORDS ON HIS D.C.F.S. WHETHER IT IS TRUE THAT THE TWO YOUNG
3 BOYS, THE HISPANIC BOYS WHO ARE ABOUT 14 AND 15, THEY WERE
4 BROTHERS THAT ERIC HAD FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THE PRESS KNOWS
5 THEM, MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S MET THEM, MISS MOLINA I THINK HAS MET
6 THEM. THEY JUST SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED. THE CHILDREN, WELL, YOU
7 COULD HAVE MET THEM AT ERIC'S HOUSE. MAYBE YOU DON'T HANG OUT
8 WITH HIM. BUT I DIDN'T HEAR YAROSLAVSKY DENY IT. THE POINT I'M
9 MAKING HERE IF THIS IS A PSYCHOTIC RAVING, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO
10 IS PROVE THAT HE DIDN'T ADOPT SEVEN -- WHETHER THE PARENTS,
11 THE AUNT OF THESE TWO BOYS MADE A COMPLAINT AND WHETHER THE
12 CHILDREN WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM ERIC GARCETTI. AND OTHERS GIVEN
13 TO HIM PROVISIONALLY. THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE. NOW, MR.
14 BOYARSKI HAD AN INTERVIEW WITH ERIC GARCETTI IN LOS ANGELES
15 OBSERVER WHERE ALL THESE NUMBERS APPEAR. I'M NOT MAKING ANY OF
16 THIS UP. AND WE ARE ASKING FOR AN INVESTIGATION. I THINK YOU
17 SHOULD HAVE ERIC GARCETTI HERE. HE'S A FOREMOST EXPERT ON
18 FOSTER CARE. HE'S THE ONLY POLITICIAN IN AMERICA THAT'S HAD
19 SEVEN OF THEM. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.
22 FINAL SPEAKER ON THE SUBJECT.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY
25 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3 AND OBVIOUSLY TODAY'S REPORT IS



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1 EXTREMELY DISTURBING. WE HAVE BEEN QUESTIONING THE IDEA OF AN
2 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER PARTICIPATING IN THESE KINDS OF AUDITS NOT
3 JUST ON THE FISCAL SIDE BUT ON THE PERFORMANCE SIDE FOR A
4 NUMBER OF MONTHS AND YEARS, I GUESS. IT'S ALMOST BEEN A DECADE
5 FOR MISS MOLINA'S EFFORT THERE. CERTAINLY WHEN HER
6 RECOMMENDATION ABOUT THE EMERGENCY FACILITY A FEW MONTHS AGO
7 WAS TO PUT UP A LOCK ON THE LAUNDRY ROOM DRAWER, WE TOOK NOTE
8 THAT WE WERE NOT IN THE RIGHT AREA. OBVIOUSLY THE CHILDREN'S
9 SAFETY IS OF COURSE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. AND PUBLIC
10 SCRUTINY IS ONE OF THE ONLY FUNCTIONAL TOOLS TO CLEAN UP SOME
11 OF THE MESS IN THIS DIVISION AND THIS DEPARTMENT. THIS IS A
12 VERY LARGE DEPARTMENT, AS THE PUBLIC PROBABLY IS NOT 100
13 PERCENT AWARE. BUT THERE ARE I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE -- WE'VE
14 REQUESTED 9,383 POSITIONS FOR THIS GROUP FOR THE PERIOD 2013
15 THROUGH 2014. OF COURSE THE C.E.O. IS RECOMMENDING
16 SUBSTANTIALLY LESS. HE'S RECOMMENDING 7,494 POSITIONS. AND
17 THIS IS A CLASSIC NEGOTIATION, A LITTLE BIT LIKE THE GRAND
18 PARK FILMING ISSUE. AND IT'S VERY, VERY UPSETTING WHEN THE
19 STAKES ARE NOT WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN FILM EARLY OR LATER BUT
20 WHETHER OR NOT CHILDREN SURVIVE. SO THIS IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR
21 CONCERNS. AND WHEN I LOOKED A LITTLE MORE CLOSELY AT THIS
22 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART, AND I LISTENED VERY CAREFULLY TO THESE
23 COUNTY WORKERS, IF I UNDERSTAND IT CORRECTLY, THERE ARE THREE
24 AND ONE-HALF WHICH I CAN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND, EMPLOYEES WORKING
25 ON THESE AUDITS IN MISS WATANABE'S GROUP AND THEN THERE ARE



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1 ABOUT FOURTEEN IS WHAT PHILIP BROWNING SAID IN THE D.C.F.S.
2 WELL OBVIOUSLY THAT'S NOT GOING TO WORK. AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S
3 INCHING TOWARD ADVANCING AN ORDER FOR SEVEN OR EIGHT EMPLOYEES
4 BY THIRTY DAYS TO AVOID HAVING TO WAIT FOR THE BUDGET MEETING
5 IS NOT GOING TO CUT IT. I NOTE THAT THERE IS A LINE IN THE
6 BUDGET FOR REVENUE ENHANCEMENT WHICH HAS -- IT'S A GROUP
7 INSIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES THAT'S
8 CALLED REVENUE ENHANCEMENT THAT HAS 462 EMPLOYEES. SO WE'LL
9 TAKE A BREATH ON THAT. AND THEN MY SUGGESTION WOULD BE THAT WE
10 FIND A WAY TO HAVE THE BOARD OFFICES DEVOTE SOME OF THEIR
11 STAFF. THEY EACH HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL STAFF. TOWARD DOING SOME
12 OF THESE SPOT AUDITS ON THE FACILITIES THAT ARE UNDER
13 QUESTION. IN DECEMBER OF 2012, I TOOK A LOOK AT AN AUDIT THAT
14 CAME ACROSS-THE-BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND THAT REVEALED THAT
15 THE PERSONAL RIGHTS OF CHILDREN WERE IN QUESTION. AND I
16 BROUGHT IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD LIAISON. AND THE
17 BOARD LIAISON RAN IT UP THE FLAG POLE AND THE RESULT WAS NO
18 RESULT. WE CAN'T ALLOW THESE INVESTIGATIONS TO BE -- TO RESULT
19 IN ADDITIONAL SELF-REVIEW AND THEN A KIND OF BLAH.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS
22 EXPIRED. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE ITEM IS BEFORE US, THAT IS
23 77-D. IT'S BEEN AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. A SUGGESTION IN
24 TERMS OF AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ARE THERE ANY
25 OTHER AMENDMENTS BY WHICH WE -- ANY OTHER ITEMS TO COME BEFORE



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1 US AT THIS POINT? ALL RIGHT. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS,
2 PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE ADOPTION OF THE MOTION
3 AS AMENDED. THANK YOU. LET'S MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT. THOSE WHO
4 WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT WILL HAVE TWO
5 MINUTES. ERIC PREVEN, FLOYD HAYHURST, CONSTANCE JOHNSON,
6 CHARLES JOHNSON. ARNOLD SACHS. DEBRA POLE, ERIC JONES. DENISE
7 PAZ.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
10 DISTRICT 3 IN THE FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR TWO MINUTES. I WANT
11 PHILIP BROWNING TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE BOARD HAS CONFIDENCE IN
12 HIM, I THINK. THEY MADE THAT CLEAR IN THE PAST. HE'S A GOOD
13 MAN. THIS IS NOT HIS -- HE DIDN'T CREATE THIS NIGHTMARE.
14 HOPEFULLY IT'S UNDER HIS SUPERVISION THAT WE CAN GET OUR WAY
15 OUT OF IT. HE DOESN'T NEED TO WORRY BECAUSE TRISH PLOEHN WHO
16 MAYBE WAS NOT AS GOOD AN OVERSEER, IS WORKING FOR THE C.E.O.
17 UPSTAIRS, SO THAT SHOULD BE CLEAR. YOU KNOW, THE DISTRICT
18 ATTORNEY CAME UP LAST WEEK BECAUSE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS INVITED
19 HER TO COME DOWN HERE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROBATION
20 DEPARTMENT BECAUSE IT OCCURRED TO SOMEBODY THAT IF WE'RE GOING
21 TO BE CHANGING THE SENTENCING HEARINGS WE NEED TO GET, I MEAN
22 THE SENTENCING AND THE TERMS OF PEOPLE'S INCARCERATION OR
23 PUNISHMENTS, WE NEED TO GET THE D.A. INVOLVED. SHE'S NEVER
24 BEEN HERE AS FAR AS I CAN TELL. AND I'M GLAD THAT SHE'S
25 COMING. I THINK THAT ONE THING WE MIGHT PUT ON HER PLATE, AND



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1 PERHAPS ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION
2 IN THAT REGARD, IS TO HAVE ALSO THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
3 OFFICE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS KIND OF CONDUCT INSIDE OF THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES BECAUSE IF THERE IS
5 EVIDENCE, WHICH THERE'S SO MUCH EVIDENCE, FRANKLY, THAT IT'S
6 HARD TO DECIPHER HOW MUCH OF THAT EVIDENCE IS CREDIBLE. I KNOW
7 YOU WERE STRUGGLING FOR THE NUMBERS. I THINK THAT THE NUMBERS
8 ARE NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT DETAIL. THE MOST IMPORTANT DETAIL
9 HERE IS A HOLISTIC ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR THE RUNRING OF
10 THIS OPERATION. WHAT'S NEEDED HERE IS A STRONG LEADERSHIP AND
11 A POWERFUL COMMITMENT TO FIXING A BUREAUCRACY.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, MR. PREVEN, LET HIM
14 HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF HIS TIME BACK.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU ARE GIVING ME A LITTLE BIT OF MY TIME BACK?
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I AM ASKING FOR SOME OF YOUR
20 TIME?

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU'D LIKE ME TO GIVE SOME BACK?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, THANK YOU.

25



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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT YOU WANT MY
2 TIME? THANK YOU, SIR.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** KEEP IN TOUCH.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MR. HAYHURST?

9

10 **FLOYD HAYHURST:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
11 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO
12 SPEAK FOR A LITTLE BIT OF TIME. I AM FLOYD HAYHURST, PRESIDENT
13 OF A.L.A.D.S. REPRESENTING OVER 7,800 DEPUTY SHERIFFS WORKING
14 IN YOUR COUNTY. I TRIED TO CONVEY TO THE BOARD EARLIER THIS
15 MONTH THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE STRETCHED TO
16 THE BREAKING POINT IN VIRTUALLY EVERY UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT
17 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WHILE OUR OBLIGATIONS HAVE
18 INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, OUR RANKS HAVE BEEN CUT SUBSTANTIALLY
19 SINCE 2009. SOONER OR LATER THE CUTS IN THE SHERIFF'S
20 RESOURCES WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT PUBLIC SAFETY, BUDGET RECORDS
21 SHOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS SUFFERED DRASTIC CUTS IN THE
22 LAST FOUR YEARS SINCE THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN IN 2008, THE
23 BUDGET WAS CUT 128 MILLION, 96 MILLION AND THEN AGAIN 140
24 MILLION LAST YEAR. WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
25 RESTORING THE 22 MILLION THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET FOR THE



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1 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, BUT YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL NOT
2 BE ENOUGH TO RESTART REHIRING OF THE DEPUTIES AND RESTORE THE
3 NEARLY 500 DEPUTY SHERIFFS THAT WE HAVE LOST THROUGH ATTRITION
4 OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. I INDICATED BEFORE THAT A.L.A.D.'S
5 MEMBERS HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THESE CUTS THROUGH SCHEDULE
6 CHANGE, CONSTANT LOANING, REASSIGNMENT MUCH LOCATIONS, LOSING
7 SENIORITY. AND OVERTIME HAS BEEN CUT VIRTUALLY AT EVERY SINGLE
8 UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT. AGAIN SINCE 2007, OUR RANKS HAVE BEEN
9 REDUCED BY NEARLY 10 PERCENT. NOW THERE ARE 500 LESS DEPUTIES
10 WORKING IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAN WE HAD SIX YEARS
11 AGO. OUR NUMBERS ARE DOWN, BUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE UP. BY
12 SOME ESTIMATES, OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS ADDED PUBLIC
13 SAFETY CONTRACTS AND SPECIALIZED UNITS THAT REQUIRED AN
14 ADDITIONAL 200 DEPUTY SHERIFF ITEMS. IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY
15 CANNOT BE DENIED. FEWER OF US ON PATROL, FEWER DEPUTY SHERIFFS
16 HAVE LONGER BACKUP TIMES AND ARE EXPOSED TO LONGER DANGEROUS
17 SITUATIONS WITH MINIMUM AMOUNT OF STAFFING. SHERIFF'S 9/11
18 RESPONSE TIMES HAVE SUFFERED AND THE PUBLIC OUTRAGE WILL SOON
19 DIMINISH TO THE SERVICES THAT WILL FOLLOW. CONTRACT CITY'S
20 PAID SERVICES ARE IMMUNE FROM THIS STAFFING BUT IT CAUSES EVEN
21 MORE SHORTAGES AND UNINCORPORATED PATROL. MY TIME IS UP BUT
22 I'LL TRY TO WRAP IT UP. A.L.A.D.S. MEMBERS NEED RELIEF. AND
23 WE'RE DOING THE WORK OF MORE THAN ONE DEPUTY, EACH OF US. AND
24 WE NEED MORE SWORN PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE BACKUP AND TO SAFELY
25 PROVIDE FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. I'M ASKING FOR YOUR



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1 HELP. IF I GO TO SACRAMENTO AND WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO ASK FOR
2 ADDITIONAL RELIEF, THAT I WILL BE SUPPORTED BY YOU. AND
3 A.L.A.D.S. MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK HARD EVERY DAY AND
4 DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ENJOY WORKING FOR THE
5 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE CAN PROVIDE
6 THE BEST AND SAFEST COMMUNITY FOR YOUR COUNTY. ON BEHALF OF
7 THE A.L.A.D.S. MEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXTENDED TIME AND
8 STICKING AROUND FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. APPRECIATE IT.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR.
11 HAYHURST. MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

12

13 **CONNIE JOHNSON:** HELLO. FIRST GIVE HONOR TO GOD WHO IS THE HEAD
14 OF MY LIFE. MY NAME IS CONNIE JOHNSON AND I'M HERE WITH MY
15 HUSBAND CHARLES JOHNSON WHO WILL SPEAK AFTER ME. I WORK FOR
16 D.C.F.S., DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND I
17 HAVE WORKED WITH L.A. COUNTY FOR 27 YEARS. I APPEARED BEFORE
18 THE BOARD LAST MONTH TO TESTIFY REGARDING THE HARASSMENT,
19 HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT, DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION THAT
20 I HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN MY WORKPLACE FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS.
21 I WAS ALSO REQUESTING A PROMOTION TO CHILDREN'S SERVICE
22 ADMINISTRATOR II BECAUSE BASICALLY THESE, THE HARASSMENT ET
23 CETERA WHICH I HAVE ENCOUNTERED HAPPENED DURING THE TIME I WAS
24 ON A PROMOTIONAL LIST IN A HIGH BAND FOR CHILDREN SERVICE
25 ADMINISTRATOR II. AND I TRULY BELIEVE THAT HAD NOT THE



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1 HARASSMENT AND ET CETERA HAPPENED, I WOULD HAVE ALREADY HAD A
2 PROMOTION TO C.S.A.-II. I HAVE ALSO SENT A PLETHORA OF
3 DOCUMENTATION TO YOUR BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND ACTUALLY HE
4 HAS STATED AFTER HIS REVIEW THAT I, HE SAID QUOTE, "MISS
5 JOHNSON, YOU HAVE BEEN HARASSED AND YOU WILL CONTINUE TO BE
6 HARASSED." I AM NOW ON FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE. I'VE BEEN ON
7 FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE INTERMITTENTLY SINCE MAY 2010. I'VE BEEN
8 TAKEN SEVERAL TIMES FROM WORK TO THE HOSPITAL VIA AMBULANCE.
9 AND I'M CURRENTLY AND CONTINUE TO BE ON MEDICATION AND IN
10 THERAPY. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY DEVASTATING SITUATION FOR ME AND
11 MY WORKPLACE. I WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES IN
12 THE TRAINING SECTION. AND SO THIS SECTION ACTUALLY HAS BEEN
13 REORGANIZED SINCE THAT THE SITUATION THAT I'M ENCOUNTERING ARE
14 STILL GOING ON. I KNOW MY TIME IS EXPIRED. MY HUSBAND WILL
15 CONTINUE.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SIR? IF FLOOR IS
18 YOURS.

19

20 **CHARLES JOHNSON:** HI, MY NAME IS CHARLES JOHNSON. I'D LIKE TO
21 PIGGYBACK ON WHAT MY WIFE SAID. WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET
22 PEOPLE TO DO THE RIGHT THING? IN A CIVILIZED SOCIETY, THERE
23 ARE PROCEDURES, POLICIES AND LAWS TO PROTECT ALL MEMBERS OF
24 SOCIETY FROM HARM AND ABUSE, BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL. WHY IS
25 MENTAL ABUSE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN IN THE WORKPLACE? IT'S BECAUSE



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1 MENTAL SCARS ARE HIDDEN AND NOT VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE? I
2 SEE WHAT MENTAL ABUSE IN THE WORKPLACE CAN DO WHEN ALLOWED TO
3 CONTINUE OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. I SEE THE
4 HELPLESSNESS AND PAIN BROUGHT ABOUT WHEN BULLYING AND
5 DISCRIMINATION ARE NOT ONLY ALLOWED TO EXIST BUT ACTUALLY
6 ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE BY THE VERY PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE TO
7 MAKE SURE THAT THE WORKPLACE IS A SAFE AND PRODUCTIVE
8 ENVIRONMENT. I SEE THE SIGNS OF MENTAL ABUSE THAT MY WIFE,
9 CONNIE JOHNSON, LIVES WITH ON A DAILY BASIS. THE PERIODS OF
10 DEPRESSION. THE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS. THE FORGETFULNESS AND THE
11 LOW SELF-WORTH. WHY HAS THERE NOT BEEN AN INVESTIGATION
12 LAUNCHED TO GET TO THE ROOT OF THE CAUSE OF THESE DEPLORABLE
13 CONDITIONS THAT ARE TOLERATED AT THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND
14 FAMILY SERVICES? IS HER SKIN COLOR AN ISSUE? HER GENDER OR HER
15 AGE? WHO CAN MAKE THIS RIGHT? DO I HAVE TO TAKE MATTERS TO
16 ANOTHER LEVEL? THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT WE NEED THE
17 ANSWERS TO. THANK YOU.

18

19 **CONNIE JOHNSON:** REAL QUICKLY I'D LIKE TO SAY. CAN I FINISH
20 BECAUSE HE HAD A LITTLE TIME?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE 30 SECONDS REMAINING.

23

24 **CONNIE JOHNSON:** YEAH. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, FOR
25 THE MOST PART, MY EXPERIENCE IN D.C.F.S. HAS BEEN REWARDING.



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1 THE DIRECTOR WE HAVE NOW, WHEN I SENT OVER INFORMATION THAT
2 THINGS WERE HAPPENING IN MY PARTICULAR OFFICE, HE DID STOP THE
3 SITUATION FROM HAPPENING. AND I'M SO THANKFUL. BUT I'M STILL
4 HERE THROUGH THE GRACE OF GOD. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I
5 WANT AWARENESS TO HAPPEN SO THAT TO MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE HAS
6 TO LIVE WITH THIS OR WORK IN THESE TYPE OF SITUATIONS. IT
7 SHOULD NEVER EVER HAPPEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** JOHN WALSH. ANNABELLA
14 MASARIEGOS, ALL RIGHT.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I
17 GUESS IT'S MY TIME FOR APOLOGIES. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU. I
18 BELIEVE LAST WEEK YOU WERE THANKED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
19 FOR THE WONDERFUL WAY YOU RAN THAT MEETING REGARDING UNIVERSAL
20 STUDIOS. IT WAS PRETTY FANTASTIC. PROBABLY 60 OR 70 PEOPLE
21 SPEAKING A MINUTE AND A HALF? AND NOT ONE OF THEM MENTIONED
22 THE ACTUALITY THAT IT WOULD BECOME HARRY POTTER LAND. NOT ONE
23 PERSON. IT WASN'T UNTIL THE NEXT DAY WHEN YOU READ THE
24 NEWSPAPER. BUT AT LEAST WE KNOW WHY THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM
25 THE THIRD DISTRICT WILL NOT BE MAYOR OF L.A. HE'D RATHER BE



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1 MAYOR OF POTTERVILLE. BUT NOBODY MENTIONED THE LOSS OF JOBS BY
2 THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GIBSON AMPHITHEATER AND ALL THOSE
3 PEOPLE THAT WERE RELATED TO THAT. WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE
4 PEOPLE? ARE THOSE JOBS SECURE? TODAY'S AGENDA YOU HAD A MOTION
5 REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF L.A.X. OR ONTARIO, CONTROL OF
6 ONTARIO FROM L.A.X. BUT YOU DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THE
7 SALE. GOING BACK TO THE SITUATION BETWEEN ONTARIO AND L.A.X.,
8 WHO SETS THE LANDING RIGHTS, THE FEES FOR LANDING PLANES? IS
9 THAT DONE BY THE F.A.A.? IS THAT DONE BY L.A.W.A.? SO IF
10 L.A.W.A. SETS A HIGHER LANDING RATE FOR ITS COMPETITION, WHERE
11 DO YOU THINK THE PLANES WOULD LAND? LET ME GIVE YOU A
12 SUGGESTION. NO, I BETTER NOT. AND I'D LIKE TO APPRECIATE THE
13 FACT THAT AGAIN WHEN YOU MENTIONED TODAY THE STORY THAT WAS IN
14 THE L.A. TIMES BECAUSE WHEN YOU HAD A STORY AT METRO LAST WEEK
15 REGARDING THE DELAYS ON THE 405 FREEWAY, IT WAS FASCINATING.
16 BECAUSE THE GENTLEMAN FROM CALTRANS GOT UP AND TALKED ABOUT
17 THE KARMAGEDDON FROM LAST YEAR. AND EVERY BOARD MEMBER
18 ACCEPTED THE REPORT EVEN THOUGH THE REPORT WAS ABOUT
19 CONSTRUCTION DELAYS. IT WAS LIKE NIXON AND HIS CHECKERS
20 SPEECH? REMEMBER THAT? TWO MINUTES AGAIN.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM?

23

24 **ANNABELLA MASARIEGOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, GENTLEMEN AND LADY. MY
25 NAME IS ANNABELLA MASARIEGOS. I'M A COUNTY EMPLOYEE AND ALSO



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1 I'M OCCUPY LOS ANGELES AND OCCUPY FIVE FORCLOSURES. ALTHOUGH
2 I'M NOT TALKING ON BEHALF OF THEM AS A PERSON, AS A TAXPAYER
3 AND REGISTERED VOTER, I'M EXERCISING MY FIRST AMENDMENT TO
4 EXPRESS HOW I FEEL. I LIVE IN BOYLE HEIGHTS AT THE MARIACHI
5 PLAZA AND THERE IS A PROJECT TO NO END. THAT'S THE WAY I FEEL
6 BECAUSE WE DON'T NEED TO FIX THE SIDEWALKS BY THE MARIACHI
7 PLAZA. THEY'RE SPENDING 7 MILLION DOLLARS. I DON'T KNOW WHY
8 EXACTLY WHAT IS THE PROJECT. IT'S A WASTE OF MONEY WHEN CITY
9 AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE WAITING THAT THEY MIGHT BE LAID OFF?
10 WHY WOULD THEY SPEND THIS MONEY WHEN THERE WAS NO NEED? I BEEN
11 COMPLAINING THERE ARE THREE PALM TREES THAT RIGHT ON THE
12 CORNER ON BAILEY AND PENNSYLVANIA THAT EVERY TIME THAT WE HAVE
13 SOME WIND, THE LEAVES, DRIED LEAVES THEY COME DOWN. AND THAT'S
14 A HAZARD FOR THE COMMUNITY. I BEEN COMPLAINING. BUT I NEVER
15 COMPLAINED ABOUT THE SIDEWALKS. BUT THERE ARE FIXING SOMETHING
16 THAT IS NOTHING WRONG. ON CESAR CHAVEZ AND ALSO ON FIRST
17 STREET WE NEED SIDEWALKS BECAUSE THEY ARE REALLY BAD. WE
18 REALLY NEED THEM BECAUSE OF THE TREES. AND ALSO WE NEED MORE
19 BUSES. WE NEED BUSES. WE NEED MORE FREQUENT BUSES ON CESAR
20 CHAVEZ AND ALSO ON FIRST STREET. THE METRO, THE METRO ON
21 WEEKENDS THEY HAVE JUST ONLY ONE CAR. WE NEED TWO CARS BECAUSE
22 WHEN THERE ARE PACKED WITH BICYCLES OR CARRY-ONS, IT'S VERY
23 DIFFICULT TO GET IN. AND NOW I COULDN'T HAPPEN AS A COUNTY
24 EMPLOYEE TO HEAR MY COUNTY COWORKERS DEPUTIES AND THE CHILDREN
25 SERVICES COMPLAINING ABOUT HARASSMENT IN THE COUNTY? I MYSELF



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1 AM A PRODUCT OF THAT HARASSMENT, I'M PERMANENTLY DISABLED WITH
2 MULTIPLE DISABILITIES BECAUSE OF HARASSMENT, RETALIATION OF
3 MANAGEMENT BECAUSE OF LACK OF PROFESSIONALISM. THERE'S NO
4 PROPER TRAINING IN THE COUNTY COUNTY-WIDE. AND THE LEADERSHIP
5 THAT WE HAVE IS REALLY BAD. AND THE UNION IS A CORRUPTED UNION
6 WHO DOES NOT HELP THE MEMBERS.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 TESTIMONY.

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11 **ANNABELLA MSARIEGOS:** THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. MR. WALSH AND I THINK
14 MR. WALSH IS THE FINAL PERSON TO BE HEARD, IS THAT NOT
15 CORRECT? THEN YOU SHOULD BE HERE.

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17 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.
18 JUST COME TO OUR WEBSITE AND IT WILL BRING YOU RIGHT TO JWALSH
19 CONFIDENTIAL. AND WE'D LIKE TO FIRST OF ALL POINT OUT THAT THE
20 KOCH BROTHERS ARE COMING TO TOWN AND THEY ARE BUYING THE
21 NEWSPAPER. THEY ARE BUYING THE L.A. TIMES. NOW, IF YOU'RE
22 INTERESTED IN BEFORE WHAT I SAID, WHAT I SAID BEFORE, JUST
23 "GOOGLE GARCETTI AND FOSTER CHILDREN" AND THE PROOF OF
24 EVERYTHING THAT I SAID WILL COME OUT. HILLARY CLINTON IS
25 COMING TO TOWN. JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL. ONE CLICK. HILLARY CLINTON



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1 IS COMING WITH GREUEL. NOW I'M NOT GOING TO SIT HERE AND TELL
2 YOU WHAT A GREAT PERSON GREUEL IS BECAUSE THIS IS ANYBODY BUT
3 GARCETTI. NOW, AT THE LAST ELECTION, TWO-THIRDS OF THE PEOPLE
4 WHO WERE SENT MAIL-IN BALLOTS DIDN'T SEND THEM IN. I'M SAYING
5 TO YOU OUT THERE NOW IF YOU ARE FOR GREUEL, YOU HAVE RECEIVED
6 THE BALLOT. I'M ASKING YOU RIGHT AT THIS VERY MINUTE TO GO OUT
7 TO WHEREVER YOU KEEP IT. VOTE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY ANY
8 STAMPS. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT ANY STAMPS ON IT AND VOTE. WE
9 MUST VOTE NOW. WE MUST ALL VOTE TO STOP ERIC GARCETTI FROM
10 BECOMING THE MAYOR. AND WHO JUST CAME OUT AGAINST ERIC
11 GARCETTI? YES, THE UNITED FARM WORKERS ARE FOR GREUEL. SO I'M
12 TURNING TO ALL THE LIBERALS WHO VOTE OUT THERE, HERE'S YOUR
13 CHOICE. KEVIN JAMES OR CESAR CHAVEZ. WHO DO YOU -- YOU KNOW,
14 I'M TELLING, I'M SURE I'M LIKE MISS MOLINA. I WENT 30 YEARS
15 WITHOUT BUYING TABLE GRAPES. 30 YEARS. I ACTUALLY PICKED OUT
16 GRAPES FROM FRUIT SALADS. THAT'S HOW -- AND THAT MEANT NOTHING
17 COMPARED TO THE OPPRESSION THAT THOSE PEOPLE RECEIVED.
18 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. COME RIGHT NOW.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TWO SPEAKERS ARE IN FACT THE
21 FINAL SPEAKERS. THANK YOU.

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23 **TERRY SIGMUNG:** ON FRIDAY I WAS CALLED BY SOCIAL WORKER MARK
24 WHITE AND I WAS TOLD THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE NEW CHARGES
25 AGAINST ME. THAT D.C.F.S. WILL FILE AGAINST ME ON MONDAY. HE



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1 DID NOT TELL ME CHA CHARGES THEY ARE AND MISLED ME TO BELIEVE
2 THAT THEY WOULD BE ABOUT MY SON JORDAN AS HE SAID YOU NEED TO
3 BRING MY 15-YEAR-OLD WHO LIVES WITH ME TO THE COURTS. HE
4 CONTINUED TO REFUSE TO TELL ME WHAT THE CHARGES ARE.
5 TERRIFYING ME THE WHOLE WEEKEND JUST DISTRESSING ME OUT SO
6 MUCH. AND I COULDN'T REACH MY ATTORNEY. I COULDN'T REACH
7 ANYBODY. JUST LEAVING ME IN THE DARK. AND MY SON WAS SO
8 TERRIFIED, TOO, THAT HE THOUGHT HE WOULD BE TAKEN AWAY FROM
9 ME, AGAIN. TURNS OUT ON MONDAY, IT'S NOT EVEN ABOUT MY SON WHO
10 LIVES WITH ME. STRANGELY ENOUGH THE D.C.F.S. IS GOING TO MAKE
11 ANOTHER PETITION AGAINST ME FOR MY CHILDREN WHO DON'T LIVE
12 WITH ME. THERE'S NO LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR THIS? ESPECIALLY SINCE
13 MY CASE IS IN APPELLATE COURT AND THE JUDGE ORDERED THE
14 CHILDREN BACK? SO WHAT THIS WAS WAS A PLOY TO TOTALLY SEE HOW
15 A PARENT CAN GO BALLISTIC AND MAYBE LEAVE WITH MY SON OR
16 SOMETHING, BUT I WAS CONSCIOUSLY BEING MADE TO BELIEVE THAT MY
17 15-YEAR-OLD WOULD BE TAKEN FROM ME. AND THEN ON MONDAY, JUST
18 SO YOU UNDERSTAND THE STRESS IT MAKES ON A FAMILY, ON MONDAY
19 THE SCHOOL NURSE CALLS ME AND TELLS ME MY SON THREW UP IN
20 SCHOOL AND HE TOLD HER SOMETHING ABOUT BEING STRESSED OUT THAT
21 THEY'RE GOING TO PICK HIM UP. THAT'S HOW AMERICAN CHILDREN
22 LIVE THESE DAYS. THEY'RE SCARED THE GESTAPO IS GOING TO PICK
23 THEM UP. THEN I EXPLAINED THE SITUATION TO HER AND LIKE
24 EVERYBODY ELSE, EVERYBODY KNOWS THE D.C.F.S. IS CORRUPT. IT'S
25 UNBELIEVABLE HOW SCHOOL NURSES WILL FREELY TALK ABOUT THAT.



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1 THE FACT THAT THE TAXPAYER WILL PAY FOR PETITION AGAINST ME
2 WHEN MY CASE IS IN APPEALS COURT IS ANOTHER ISSUE ALTOGETHER.
3 YOU'RE WASTING MONEY. YOU HAVE SO MUCH MONEY. DON'T GIVE THEM
4 SO MUCH MONEY. THEY HAVE SO MUCH MONEY TO WASTE.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU MS. PAZ, YOU ARE THE
7 FINAL SPEAKER ON PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. THUS YOU ARE OBLIGED TO
8 DELIVER THE BENEDICTION.

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10 **DENISE PAZ:** THANK YOU. MY CHILDREN WERE ADOPTED PER D.C.F.S.
11 WHEN I FILED A POLICE REPORT WITH THE SHERIFFS. THE SHERIFF
12 ARRESTED THE FOSTER KID WHO ABUSED MY SON WHO ADMITTED TO
13 SEXUALLY ABUSING MY SON. MOREOVER MY PARENTAL RIGHTS WERE
14 TERMINATED AND I WAS CRUCIFIED. D.C.F.S. APPROVED A HOME WHERE
15 THREE HIGH CONTROL PAROLLEES RESIDE. I'M AFRAID THAT MY
16 CHILDREN MAY BE FORCED, PUSHED INTO THE DRUG CRIMINAL
17 LIFESTYLE TO A PERMANENTLY SORDID LIFE AS MY SON GROWING INTO
18 ADOLESCENCE. THEY MAY REBEL AND INDULGE IN FIGHTS WITH THE
19 OLDER CONVICT MALES LIVING IN THE HOME AND GET INJURED OR
20 KILLED. MY DAUGHTER WHO HAS NO BLOODSTREAM WITH THE FAMILY MAY
21 LEARN THAT PHYISCAL ABUSE OF A FEMALE IS NORMAL AND SIMPLY
22 ACCEPTS ABUSE THAT AS AN ADULT WOMAN SHE WILL NOT QUESTION
23 ABUSE. THERE IS A CONVICTION IN 2010 AT THE ADOPTIVE HOME FOR
24 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE THAT OCCURRED RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY DAUGHTER
25 WITH ONE OF THE CONVICTS. CASEWORKER SONYA NOREGA SAID IT WAS



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1 NORMAL FOR MY 8 YEAR OLD TO WET PER PANTS AND DIDN'T TAKE
2 PROPER ACTION. 2011 CONVICTED FOR DRUG DEALING, PAROLE RATES
3 FROM 2002 TO 2012 HOMICIDE RATES, BURGLARY RATES ACCORDING TO
4 THE CASE WORKER THE ROOKIE SONYA NOREGA SAID KIDS FEEL SAFE.
5 AND I AM REQUESTING A SECOND INVESTIGATION. PLEASE DON'T LEAVE
6 MY CHILDREN ON DEATH ROW. THE CONVICTS ARE INVOLVED IN A
7 VIOLENT GANG IN LA PUENTE BASSETT GANG. PROMOTING TATTOOS. MY
8 CHILDREN-- THE CONVICTS HAVE BEEN SHOT AND THEIR HOME IS
9 TARGET FOR ENEMIES. THESE ARE LITTLE PICTURES THAT MY SON
10 DREW. THEY ARE KIND OF SMALL, I SHOULD HAVE BLOWN THEM UP. YOU
11 SEE HOW IT'S A ROBBER HE IS IN A BANDANA SHOOTING? THEY'RE
12 KIND OF SMALL. BUT RIGHT HERE HE LEAVES THE GUN WITH NO
13 EVIDENCE. THAT'S WHAT HE'S LEARNING. ANOTHER ONE HANDS UP.
14 SHOOTING HIM. THE BULLETS. THIS ONE, LIKE HE SAYS, "OH, I
15 SMOKED-EM." THIS IS WHAT MY CHILDREN ARE TALKING ABOUT. HANDS
16 UP. YOU KNOW, THESE ARE ALL LITTLE -- AND SHE THOUGHT THESE
17 WERE CUTE. SHE THINKS THESE ARE CUTE.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MRS. PAZ, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
20 TESTIMONY.

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22 **DENISE PAZ:** THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP.

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1 **DENISE PAZ:** ALL RIGHT.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE
4 OFFICER.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
7 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
9 NUMBER CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
10 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION. ITEM NUMBER CS-2,
11 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS. ITEM NUMBER CS-3,
12 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION
13 OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING OF THE
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ITEM NUMBER CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
15 NEGOTIATOR WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF. ITEM NUMBER
16 CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, RICHARD
17 VOLPERT, DAWN MCDIVITT, MICHELLE CERVERA AND WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
18 AND ITEM NUMBER CS-6, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
19 WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE BE
20 ADVISED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY 7, 2013 MEETING IS
21 CANCELED TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING WITH
22 FEDERAL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS BEGINNING MAY 8, 2013
23 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS WILL BE TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013. THANK YOU.

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